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Election Timelines Severely Curtailed for 2012

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Because of the redistricting process that takes place every ten years, state law will severely restrict the dates that Minnesota school districts can hold special elections in 2012. These restrictions will apply to elections for bond issues and capital projects levies, as well as to operating referendums that are conducted by mail ballot or by districts in statutory operating debt.

No special elections can be held in the 19 weeks prior to the primary election in August. When coupled with restrictions in other laws, this means that the following dates are available in 2012 for such elections.

- January 2 – February 21
- March 13 – in conjunction with township elections
- August 14 - in conjunction with the primary election
- November 6 - in conjunction with the general election
- December 17-31 (except for Christmas day)

For districts that do not have any townships within their boundaries, there is a little more flexibility early in the year. For these districts, the following dates are available.

- January 2 – April 2
- August 14 - in conjunction with the primary election
- November 6 - in conjunction with the general election
- December 17-31 (except for Christmas day)