



Referendum Renewal School Board Approval Timeline

This document provides clarity related to school districts using new authority to renew existing Operating Referendums as defined in [Chapter 55, 2023 Minnesota Session Laws](#), impacting MN Statute 126c.17, adding Subdivision 9b.

General Provisions

- Districts may renew one time an existing Operating Referendum under the same per-pupil amounts (allowance including CPI adjusted) and length of time by board approval.
- Operating referendum revenue is generated by the authority in the voter-approved referendum language, and the fiscal year recording of the annual revenue represents the annual appropriation.
- **Due to the payable levy certification timelines, board approval must happen by June 15 in fiscal year prior to the last fiscal year generating revenue.**
- Required public testimony may take place at the same meeting in which the board authorization vote occurs.

This is a set of examples of referendum expirations and renewal deadlines:

Voter Approved Referendum Date/Years*	First & Last Applicable Levy before expiration	First & Last Applicable Fiscal Year before expiration	Start of Board Renewed Operating Referendum	Board Resolution Window for Renewal
November 2015 8 years	Payable 2016 Payable 2023	Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24)	Fiscal Year 2025 FY25	May 25, 2023 June 15, 2023
November 2015 9 years	Payable 2016 Payable 2024	Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25)	Fiscal Year 2026 FY26	May 25, 2023 June 15, 2024
November 2015 10 years	Payable 2016 Payable 2025	Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26)	Fiscal Year 2027 FY27	July 1, 2023 June 15, 2025

*Dates are examples only; referendum authority is for any referendum with revenue authority expiring in FY24 and beyond.

Districts will be certifying the proposed and final Payable 2024 levy for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) between September and December 2023.

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