

TABOR –2018 School Ballot Issue Election Timeline

The following timeline highlights important deadlines for the upcoming November 6, 2018 election. Any school district submitting a ballot issue creating debt or other financial obligation must observe these deadlines.

All citations are to the Colorado Constitution, Colorado Revised Statutes, or Colorado Code of Regulations.

DATE	ACTION/EVENT
June 1, 2018	<p>Invitation to charter schools A school district that is considering submitting a ballot question to contract bonded indebtedness or authorize additional local revenues shall invite charter school(s) chartered by the district to participate in discussions regarding the possible submission of such a question at the earliest possible time, but no later than June 1 of the applicable election year. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-118(4); 22-30.5-404(1)(c).</i></p>
<p>July 9, 2018 (60 days before the date when districts must certify ballot questions to county clerk)</p>	<p>Notification to charter schools Where a charter school has sought to have its operating revenue or capital construction needs included as part of a ballot question or to have electors approve additional local revenues for the charter school, the board of education must notify its charter school(s) in writing whether the school district has prioritized the charter school(s)' request for inclusion in a ballot question at the upcoming election. If the request is not prioritized, the notice must include a statement specifying the reasons. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-30.5-118(6)(b); 22-30.5-404(4)(a)(IV).</i></p>
<p>July 30, 2018* (100 days before election)</p>	<p>Notification to county clerk Notify the county clerk in writing by this date that the school district will participate in the coordinated election. The board must take formal action prior to this date to participate in the coordinated election and to designate an election official. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-1-104(8); 1-1-106(4); 1-7-116(5).</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: If notification does not occur by this date, the school district is still able to participate in the coordinated election, so long as the district enters into an intergovernmental agreement with the county clerk by the stated deadline (70 days before election). Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-116(5).</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">August 28, 2018 (70 days before election)</p>	<p>Intergovernmental agreement Last day for school district to sign an intergovernmental agreement with the county clerk to conduct the election in each county or counties in which the school district is located. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-7-116(2); 22-31-103(2).</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 7, 2018 (60 days before election)</p>	<p>Certify ballot content Last day for designated election official to certify the content of the ballot to the county clerk. The ballot content shall include any ballot issue(s) to be voted on and shall be in the order required by state law. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-5-203(3)(a); 22-30.5-119(1); 22-30.5-405(1); 8 CCR 1505-1, Rule 4.5.2.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 21, 2018 (Friday before the 45th day before election)</p>	<p>Referred measures - TABOR written comments Last day to file written comments for and against (pro and con) the ballot issue with the designated election official in order to be included in the issue mailing. If no comments are filed in opposition to or in support of a ballot issue, the designated election official shall not prepare any summaries and shall state substantially the following in the ballot issue notice where the summary or summaries would appear: “No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.” <i>Colo. Const., art. X, § 20(3)(b)(v); Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-7-901(4); 1-7-903(4).</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 24, 2018 (43 days before election)</p>	<p>Initiated measures - summary of favorable comments Last day for petition representatives to submit the summary of favorable comments about the petition to the designated election official. If the petition representatives do not file a summary by this date, the designated election official shall print in the issue mailing where the summary would have appeared, “No summary was filed by the statutory deadline.” <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-903(3).</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September 25, 2018 (42 days before election)</p>	<p>Transmit TABOR notice to clerk Last day for the designated election official to deliver the full text of any required ballot issue notices, including summaries for and against the proposal, to the county clerk. <i>Colo. Const., art. X, § 20(3)(b); Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-904.</i></p>

<p>October 5, 2018* (30 days before election)</p>	<p>TABOR notice mailed Last day to mail TABOR issue package to each address of one or more active registered voters who reside in the county in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement. <i>Colo. Const. art. X, § 20(3)(b); Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-1-106(5); 1-7-116(3); 1-7-906.</i></p>
<p>October 12, 2018 (25 days before election)</p>	<p>Withdraw ballot issues Last day for school board by resolution to withdraw one or more ballot issues from the ballot. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-208(2).</i></p>
<p>October 17, 2018 (20 days before election)</p>	<p>Post notice of district's financial condition Last day for a school district submitting a ballot issue concerning creation of debt or other financial obligation to post notice on the district's website regarding the district's financial condition. If the district does not have a website, the required information shall be posted in the district's administrative office. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-908(1).</i></p> <p>Election notice Last day for designated election official or coordinated election official to publish notice of election in newspaper and mail a copy of notice to county clerks of counties where school district is located. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 1-5-205(1), (2).</i> Publication of an election notice by the county clerk satisfies this requirement. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-205(1.4).</i> Sample ballots may be used if they contain all the information. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-5-205(1.3).</i></p>
<p>November 6, 2018</p>	<p>ELECTION DAY Polls open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7-101.</i> If any eligible elector, or member of the eligible elector's immediate family, is confined in a hospital or place of residence or is unable to vote in person due to emergency conditions arising after the deadlines by which ballots are mailed, then the elector may apply for a replacement ballot before 5 p.m. on Election Day; the replacement ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day. <i>Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7.5-115.</i></p>

<p>November 20, 2018 (10 business days after election)</p>	<p>Ballot issue reporting Send a copy of the ballot marked “sample” to the Public School Finance Unit of the Colorado Department of Education with the number of votes cast for and against the question. <i>1 CCR 301-39, Rule 13.01.</i></p>
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* **Date affected by a holiday or weekend.**

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