

Counties

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Ballots

Imposing sales and use tax

Section 4-10-330

The county election commission must conduct a referendum on imposing a sales or use tax on the area of a county to be subjected to the tax. Notice of the question to appear in the referendum must be published in a newspaper.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-10-330	The question that is to appear on the ballot, list of projects, and the cost of projects; if it includes the use of the taxes to defray debt service on bonds, the notice must include the principle amount of the bonds proposed and must state that the referendum includes the authorization of bonds in that amount	Newspaper of general circulation	Two weeks before the referendum

Exact wording:

“Two weeks before the referendum the election commission must publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot, with the list of projects and the cost of the projects. If the proposed question includes the use of sales taxes to defray debt service on bonds issued to pay the costs of any project, the notice must include a statement indicating that principal amount of the bonds proposed to be issued for the purpose and, if the issuance of the bonds is to be approved as part of the referendum, stating that the referendum includes the authorization of the issuance of bonds in that amount.”-Part C

Imposing sales and use tax, receipt of the ordinance

Section 4-10-550

After receiving the ordinance the county election commission will conduct a referendum on imposing the sales and use of tax. The question to appear in the referendum must be published in a newspaper two weeks prior to the referendum.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-10-550	The question that is to appear on the ballot	Newspaper of general circulation	Two weeks before the referendum

Exact wording:

“Two weeks before the referendum the election commission shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot.”-Part A

Bonds

Special source revenue bonds

Section 4-29-68

A special purpose district or a county or a municipality that retains revenues from a payment in lieu of taxes may pledge the revenues adds additional security for general obligation debt or revenue debt after a public notice is held. Notice of the public hearing must be published in a newspaper at least fifteen days prior to the hearing. (Part C)

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-29-68	Notice of the public hearing by the governing body	Newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality or special purpose district	At least 15 days before hearing

Exact wording:

“The issuance of bonds is authorized by a duly adopted ordinance of the governing body of the issuer or, if the issuer is a special purpose district, an ordinance of the county council or councils in the county or counties in which the special purpose district is located, and a resolution of the governing body of the issuer, after a public hearing is held at least fifteen days after notice of the hearing is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality or special purpose district.”-Part A (1)

“...if the pledge is authorized by a duly-adopted ordinance of the governing body of the county or municipality or special purpose district after a public hearing is held at least fifteen days after notice of the hearing is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality or special purpose district...”-Part C

Elections

Notice of election for county bonds

Section 4-15-50

The notices of holding an election for the purpose of county bonds will be given by publication in a newspaper. The newspaper must be published in the county, be placed at least once and not less than fifteen days prior to the election.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-15-50	Notice of the election: (1) the occasion of the holding of the election, (2) location of several polling places, (3) qualifications of voters, (4) amount of bonds to be issued, and (5) brief description of the purpose of the proceeds of the bonds	Some newspaper published in the county	At least once, not less than 15 days prior to the election

Exact wording:

“Notice of the holding of such an election shall be given, by publication thereof in some newspaper published in the county, at least once not less than fifteen days prior to the occasion set for the holding of such election. Such notice shall state:

- (1) The occasion of the holding of the election;
- (2) The location of the several polling places;
- (3) The qualifications imposed upon persons desirous of voting;
- (4) The amount of bonds to be issued; and
- (5) A brief description of the purpose for which the proceeds of the bonds are to be applied.”

Local option sales and use tax within a county

Section 4-10-30

A referendum on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November will be conducted on the question of implementing the local option sales and use tax within the county. The county council and the municipal councils in the area will publish the anticipated credit against property taxes in the first year of implementation of the credit fund.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-10-30	The anticipated credit against property taxes in the first year of implementation of the property tax credit fund. The anticipated credit on : a primary residence, personal property (including	A newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction	Two weeks before the referendum

	an automobile), a commercial facility, an industrial facility		
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Exact wording:

“Two weeks before the referendum the county council and the municipal councils in the county area shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction the anticipated credit against property taxes in the first year of implementation of the property tax credit fund. The notice must show the anticipated credit on the following classes of property: (1) a primary residence; (2) personal property including, but not limited to, an automobile; (3) a commercial facility; (4) an industrial facility.”-Part D

Powers for alternative forms of government except board of commissioners

Section 4-9-30

Before a special tax district can be created an election must be called after a petition has been signed by 15 percent of the electors in a proposed tax district and must be presented to the county council The called election requires notice in a newspaper in the proposed tax district, at least thirty days prior.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-9-30	Notice of the special election	Newspaper of general circulation within the proposed special tax district	At least 30 days notice

Exact wording:

“The county election commission shall give at least thirty days’ notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed special tax district.”-Part 5 a (i)

Public hearings with reasonable public notice must be held before final council action

Section 4-9-130

Notices of any public hearings shall be held before final action on operational and capital budgets, appropriations, regulatory codes involving penalties, zoning and subdivision regulations, taxes, the selling, leasing or contracting to sell or lease property that is owned by the county. The notice must be published in a newspaper with not less than fifteen days notice. An exception may be made if an emergency ordinance is filed.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-9-130	Time and place of the hearings	At least one newspaper of general circulation in the county	Not less than 15 day’s notice

Exact wording:

“Not less than fifteen days’ notice of the time and place of such hearings shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county.”

Rescinding the sales and use tax
Section 4-10-570

If at least 15 percent of the voters within a county present a petition to the county council asking that the sales and use of tax be released from obligations (rescinded) then a referendum is to be held. Notice of the question to appear on the ballot must be published in a newspaper two weeks prior to the referendum.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-10-570	The question that is to appear on the ballot	Newspaper of general circulation	Two weeks before the referendum

Exact wording:

“Two weeks before the referendum the election commission shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation the question that is to appear on the ballot.”-Part A

Emergency Response

Authority to promulgate rules
Section 4-21-40

The governing body which promulgates rules for fire protection, ambulance services or medical clinic facilities has the authority to do so as long as it is 10 days after being filed with the county clerk of court and published in a newspaper.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-21-40	Notice of the rule or regulation	Newspaper of daily circulation in the county	10 days before the rule or regulation becomes effective

Exact wording:

“Provided, that not rule or regulation shall become effective until the tenth day after it has been both filed with the county clerk of court and published in a newspaper having daily general circulation in the county.”

Government Meetings

Audit Meetings
Section 4-13-130

The county supervisors will publish a full statement of the claims made at the meeting immediately preceding the publication. The publication will be paid for at the rate allowed by law for public printing as long as it does not exceed sixty dollars per annum. The claim must be in at least one issue of a newspaper in the counties within fifteen days after such meeting.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-13-130	A notice of the full statement of claims audited by the governing body at the meeting immediately preceding the publication: the file number of the claim, the amount claimed, the amount allowed, the nature of the claim or service rendered, the name of the claimant	Some newspaper published in their respective counties	At least in one issue within fifteen days after each meeting of the governing body at which claims are audited

Exact wording:

“The county supervisors shall publish in some newspaper published in their respective counties, at least in one issue thereof and within fifteen days after each meeting of the governing body of the county at which claims are audited, a full statement of the claims audited by such governing body at its meeting immediately preceding such publication. The statement shall show, as published, the file number of the claim, the amount claimed, the amount allowed, the nature of the claim or service rendered and the name of the claimant. Such publication shall be paid for at the rate now allowed by law for public printing, provided the same does not exceed sixty dollars per annum.”

Improvement Districts

Improvement district for county public works

Section 4-35-70

When a resolution for an improvement district is adopted it must be published in a newspaper. The notice must be placed once a week for three consecutive weeks with the last placement occurring ten days prior to the public hearing for the resolution.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-35-70	Notice of the adoption for a resolution on an improvement district	Newspaper that has general circulation within the county	Once a week for three successive weeks, last being ten days before the scheduled public hearing

Exact wording:

“A resolution providing for an improvement district, when adopted, must be published once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and the final publication

must be at least ten days before the date of the scheduled public hearing. At the public hearing and at any adjournment of it, all interested persons may be heard either in person or by their designees.”

Industrial Development

Use of lands owned by county or municipality

Section 4-29-100

Land that counties own can be used for a project if the reasonable value of the land is paid out of the proceeds of the bond into the general fund. A notice of this determination must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where the land is situated, twenty days after the placement any interested parties may review this action.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-29-100	Notice of determination	Newspaper of general circulation in each county where the land is situated	A determination is made on the use of land that counties own

Exact Wording:

“The determination by the governing board of the reasonable value of the land shall be conclusive but review of the determination may be instituted by any interested party within twenty days, but not afterwards, following the publication of notice of the determination in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the land is situated, by proceeding de novo in the court of the common pleas of the county.”

Proposals of the governing board to the state board

Section 4-29-140

A governing board that wants to issue bonds must have the approval of the state boards. When the state board receives the proposal than it will conduct a review, after the approval the governing board may proceed with the project. Any person who wishes to challenge the approval has twenty days after publication of the approval in a newspaper with general circulation where the project is found.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-29-140	Notice of the approval of a proposal by the state board	Newspaper with general circulation in the county where the project is located	At least once by the state board

Exact Wording:

“Notice of the approval of a proposal by the state board must be published at least once by the state board in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the project is to be located.” Part A

Local Areas

Gowensville Fire District Commission Section 4-23-420

The district is to be governed by the Gowensville Fire District Commission which will consist of five resident electors of the district. The election is to be held by the Greenville and Spartanburg County Election Commissions. The Commissions are to give notice of the elections in one or more newspapers in the district sixty days prior to the election and again two weeks after the first publication.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-23-420	Notice of an election for the Gowensville Fire District Commission	One or more newspapers with general circulation in the district	Sixty days prior to the election and a second two weeks later

Exact wording:

“The commissions shall give notice by publication sixty days prior to the election and a second notice two weeks after the first notice, in one or more newspapers with general circulation in the district.”

South Lynches Fire District Commission Section 4-23-820

The district is to be governed by the South Lynches Fire District Commission which will consist of five resident electors of the district. The election is to be held by the Florence and Williamsburg County Election Commissions. The Commissions are to give notice in one or more newspapers in the district sixty days prior to the election and a second two weeks after the election is held.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-23-820	Notice of an election for the South Lynches Fire District Commission	One or more newspapers with general circulation in the district	Sixty days prior to the election and a second two weeks later.

Exact wording:

“The commissions shall give notice by publication sixty days prior to the election and a second notice two weeks after the first notice, in one or more newspapers with general circulation in the district.”-Part C

Public Hearings

Adopting rules and regulations Section 4-25-20

When the governing body decides that rules and regulations should apply to an area of the county outside of the incorporated municipalities it will hold a public hearing. Notice of this hearing must be published in a newspaper for at least once a week for three consecutive weeks.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-25-20	Notice of the hearing, describing the area or section	Newspaper of general circulation in the county	At least once a week for three successive weeks

Exact wording:

“When the governing body shall determine that such rules and regulations are necessary in any area or section of the county lying outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities, it shall hold a public hearing, after notice thereof, describing the area or section, shall have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least once a week for three successive weeks, for the purpose of considering the necessity of such rules and regulations, the type, coverage and contents thereof, and the exact extent of the area or section proposed to be covered thereby, at which hearing any and all interested parties shall be entitled to appear and be heard.”

Referendums

Increasing size of the governing body of a district Section 4-9-81

An elected governing body may provide a resolution to increase the size of the governing body, but it is only effective after approval from the majority of electors in the district voting in a referendum. Notice of the referendum must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and at least thirty days prior to the referendum.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-9-81	Notice of a referendum to increase the size of the governing body	A newspaper of general circulation in the district	At least thirty days prior to the referendum

Exact wording:

“Notice of the referendum must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district at least thirty days prior to the referendum.”-Part D

Use of sales taxes or tolls as an optional method of revenue for transportation facilities Section 4-37-30

A body of government may be allowed to impose one but not both (A) a sales tax or (B) a toll within its jurisdiction as a source of revenue for transportation facilities. A notice of the date and purpose of this referendum must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation found in the proposed jurisdiction. The notice shall occur once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately prior to the date of the referendum. A notice of a public

hearing shall also be placed in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where this jurisdiction is found for at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-37-30	Notice of date and purpose of the referendum for a sales tax or use of tolls	Newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the proposed sales tax or use of tolls	Once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately before the date of the referendum
4-37-30	Notice of a public hearing for a sales tax or use of tolls	Newspaper of general circulation in the county	At least 14 days before the date of the public hearing

Exact Wording

“A referendum for this purpose must be held at the time of the general election. The commission shall publish the date and purpose of the referendum once a week for four consecutive weeks immediately proceeding the date of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction. A public hearing must be conducted at least fourteen days before the referendum after publication of a notice setting forth the date, time and location of the public hearing. The notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least fourteen days before the dates fixed for the public hearing.”

Rules and Regulations

Distributing rules and regulations

Section 4-25-40

When rules and regulations have been decided under this article then the governing body must make enough copies to distribute to those applying for them and to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that county.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-25-40	Notice of the rules and regulations that were provided and prescribed by the governing body: The notice shall state that the rules and regulations have been decided upon and the place where copies may be obtained	A newspaper of general circulation in the county	Once the rules and regulations have been provided and prescribed

Exact wording:

“When rules and regulations shall have been provided and prescribed under this article, it shall be the duty of the governing body providing and prescribing them forthwith to cause to be printed a sufficient number

of copies to furnish a copy thereof to anyone applying thereof, and the governing body shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice stating in substance that such rules and regulations have been provided and prescribed, and giving the place at which copies thereof may be obtained.”

Sale of Bonds

Sale of county bonds Section 4-15-130

Bonds shall be sold at a public sale after advertisement in a newspaper having general circulation in the state or in a financial paper in New York City. The notice shall be placed not less than ten days prior to the sale of the bonds. The bonds can be sold privately if no bids are received or if all bids are rejected.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-15-130	Advertisement for the sale of bonds	A newspaper having general circulation in the state, or in a financial publication published in the city of New York, or in both publications	Not less than 10 days prior to the sale

Exact wording:

“Such bonds shall be sold at public sale, after advertisement thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in the State or in a financial publication published in the city of New York or, in the discretion of the authorities, in both such publications. Such advertisement shall appear not less than ten days prior to the occasion set for such sale.”

Sale of fire protection bonds Section 4-19-120

Fire Protection Services bonds must be sold at a price of not less than par and accrued interest to the date of their respective deliveries and they must be sold after public advertisement of sale in the newspaper. The notice shall be placed not less than seven days prior to the occasion set for opening bids. These bonds can be privately sold to the United States of America or any agency or department thereof.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-19-120	Public	Newspaper of	Not less than seven

	advertisement for the sale of fire protection services bonds	general circulation in South Carolina, or in a financial journal published in the city of New York	days prior to the occasion set for opening bids
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Exact wording:

“They must be sold after public advertisement of their sale in a newspaper of general circulation in South Carolina, or in a financial journal published in the city of New York. Such published notice shall appear not less than seven days prior to the occasion set for opening bids; provided, however, that any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may be sold at private sale to the United States of America or any agency or department thereof.”

Special Purpose Districts

Dissolution of special purpose district Section 4-11-290

An individual living in or owning property in a special purpose district can petition the Secretary of State to dissolve the district. The Secretary of State reviews the matters put forth in the petition and must publish notice of the review in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where the district is located. The placement shall occur once a week for three successive weeks and must occur twenty days after the receipt of the petition.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-11-290	Notice of review: (a) name of the district and its boundaries, (b) statutory organization and description of governmental powers (c) date the petition was received by the Secretary of State, (d) petition is available for inspection at the office of the clerks of court in each county in which the district is located, (e) Secretary of	Newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the district is located	Once a week for three successive weeks, within 20 days of the receipt of the petition

	<p>State is reviewing the matters and may dissolve the district if matters are true, (f) names of persons shown in records of the Secretary of State who are the most recently appointed or elected governing body of the district (if appointed, the person responsible for appointing them),</p>		
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Exact wording:

“Within twenty days of the receipt of a petition, the Secretary of State must have published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the district is located once a week for three successive weeks a notice of review which must state:

- (a) the name of the district and the boundaries of it;
- (b) the statutory authorization for the existence of the district and a brief description of the governmental powers granted by the authorization;
- (c) the date upon which the petition was received by the Secretary of State;
- (d) that the petition is available for inspection at the office of the clerks of court in each county in which the district is located;
- (e) that the Secretary of State is reviewing the matters set forth in the petition and may undertake to dissolve the district if the matters are found to be true;
- (f) the names of the persons shown in the records of the Secretary of State, or, in the case of a district with an elected governing body, the county election commission, who constitute the most recently appointed or elected governing body of the district. In the case of an appointed governing body, there also must be identified the official or officials charged with appointing the members of the governing body; and
- (g) that persons wishing to comment upon the dissolution of the district may file a return to the petition within twenty days of the last publication of the notice.”-Part F (2)

**Fire protection district (notice of a public hearing and notice of the results taken)
Section 4-19-20**

Before a fire protection district can be created, a public hearing must be held. A notice of this hearing shall be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for three successive weeks. The notice shall contain (a) time and place of the public hearing (not less than 16 days after the first publication), (b) description of the area to be included within the district, (c) whether there will be ad valorem taxes added to the district, (d) whether there will be imposed rates and charges within the district, (e) whether the governing body can issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable from an ad valorem tax within the district, for the purpose of providing fire protection service.

A notice of the action taken shall also be placed in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for two successive weeks. This notice shall contain the (a) boundaries of the fire protection district, (b) whether there will be ad valorem taxes for the operation and maintenance of the district, (c) whether there will be imposed rates and charges for the operation and maintenance of it, and (d) whether the governing body can issue general

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-19-20	Notice of the hearing: (a) time and place of the public hearing (not less than 16 days after the first publication), (b) description of the area to be included within the district, (c) whether there will be ad valorem taxes added to the district, (d) whether there will be imposed rates and charges within the district, (e) whether the governing body can issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable from an ad valorem tax within the district, for the purpose of providing fire protection service in it	Newspaper of general circulation	Once a week for three successive weeks
4-19-20	Notice of action: (a) boundaries of the fire protection district, (b) whether there will be ad valorem taxes for the operation and maintenance of the district, (c) whether there will be	Newspaper of general circulation within the county	Once a week for two successive weeks

	<p>imposed rates and charges for the operation and maintenance of it, and (d) whether the governing body can issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable form an ad valorem tax for the purpose of providing fire protection service in it</p>		
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Exact wording:

“Notice of the hearing must be published once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and the notice must state:

- (a) the time and place of the public hearing, provided that the date of the public hearing must not be less than sixteen days following the first publication of the notice;
- (b) ad description of the area to be included within the proposed fire protection district;
- (c) whether there must be levied within the proposed fire protection district ad valorem taxes for the operation and maintenance of it;
- (d) whether there must be imposed rates and charges within the proposed fire protection district for the operation and maintenance of it; and
- (e) whether the governing body is empowered to issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable from an ad valorem tax levied within the district, for the purpose of providing fire protection service in it.”-Part 2

“The governing body shall give notice of its action by publishing it once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the county, which will state:

- (a) the boundaries of the fire protection district;
- (b) whether there must be levied within the proposed fire protection district ad valorem taxes for the operation and maintenance of it;
- (c) whether there must be imposed rates and charges within the proposed fire protection district for the operation and maintenance of it; and
- (d) whether the governing body is empowered to issue general obligation bonds of the county, payable form an ad valorem tax levied within the district for the purpose of providing fire protection service in it.”-Part 5

Order of dissolution
Section 4-11-290

If the Secretary of State decides that a special tax district is to be dissolved then a notice of dissolution is to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where the district is located. The placement shall occur once a week for three successive weeks and the notice shall contain (a) the date of the filing of the petition, (b) the statutory authorization for the existence of the district and a brief description of the powers, (c) the Secretary of State has determined that the district will be dissolved, j(d) the order of dissolution is available at the office of clerk of is available at the office of

clerk of county, and (e) dissolution will be effective 21 days after the final publication of the notice of dissolution

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-11-290	Notice of dissolution: (a) the date of the filing of the petition, (b) the statutory authorization for the existence of the district and a brief description of the powers, (c) the Secretary of State has determined that the district will be dissolved, (d) the order of dissolution is available at the office of clerk of county, and (e) dissolution will be effective 21 days after the final publication of the notice of dissolution	Newspaper of general circulation in each county where the district is located	Once a week for three successive weeks

Exact wording:

“The Secretary of State shall have published once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the district is located a notice of dissolution, which must state:

- (a) the date of the filing of the petition;
- (b) the statutory authorization for the existence of the district and a brief description of the governmental powers granted by the authorization and the boundaries of the district;
- (c) that the Secretary of State has determined that the district must be dissolved pursuant to this section;
- (d) that the order of dissolution is available for inspection in the office of clerk of court of each county in which the district is located; and
- (e) that the order of dissolution will become final on the twenty-first day following the final publication of the notice of dissolution.”-Part H (1)

**Financial impact of abolishing special purpose district
Section 4-9-85**

Within 60 days of abolishing a special purpose district the governing body will hold at least two public meetings within the boundaries of the former district. This shall be published in a newspaper. After the 60 days the governing body will make a

determination and formulation on the financial impact which must be published in a newspaper. The governing body has 30 days after publication to take action.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-9-85	Advertise the public meeting	Newspaper of general circulation in the county	Ten days prior to each meeting
4-9-85	The determination and formulation	Newspaper of general circulation in the county where the special purpose district was once located	At the conclusion of the 60 day period when the determination and formulation has been decided

Exact wording:

“The governing body shall conduct at least two public meetings within the geographical boundaries of the territory formerly comprising the district. The governing body shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the county ten days prior to each meeting.”

“The determination and formulation must be published by the governing body in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the special purpose district formerly was located. The county governing body shall take action by ordinance on the determination and formulation within thirty days after it has been published in the newspaper.”

Governing bodies of special purpose districts

Section 4-11-265

The electors of a special purpose district have a choice to either elect the governing body or have them appointed. In the districts where they are to have elected governing bodies, notice of the election must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. The notice shall occur between five and fifteen days before the date of the election.

Section	Notice	Where	When
4-11-265	A detailed notice of the election	Newspaper of general circulation in the district	Between five and 15 days before the date of the election

Exact wording:

“In those districts in which the registered electors vote to have elected governing bodies, the governing body of each district shall hold an election at the time of the next general election after certification of the results of the referendum by the county election commission. Notice of the election must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district which shall contain detailed information concerning the election. The notice must be published not less than five nor more than fifteen days before the date of the election.”-Part D