

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR ESPLOST ADOPTION

This proposed timeline is illustrative only. This timeline assumes one county school district and no independent school districts within the county; each of the county board of education and the county board of elections meet only once a month, and the legal organ for publishing legal notices only publishes once a week.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description of Task</u>
Now	<p>Confirm that there are no independent school districts within the county in addition to the county school district.</p> <p>If one or more independent school districts exist in the county, you need to review procedures for coordinating with such independent school districts and negotiating an intergovernmental agreement for the allocation of ESPLOST proceeds, in light of the recent ESPLOST amendment to the Georgia Constitution (Ga. L. 2017, p. 857, 1/SR 95).</p>
May, 2019	Finalize the list of specific capital outlay projects for education purposes to be funded, the specific debt to be retired or both, as applicable, the maximum cost of such project(s), the maximum amount of debt to be retired if applicable, the maximum time for imposition of the ESPLOST (not to exceed 5 years) and certain details about any general obligation debt for which the county school district will seek authorization to fund the ESPLOST projects in advance of ESPLOST collections.
June 13, 2019	Board of Education adopts resolution requesting call of election and for ESPLOST to be levied and forwards certified copy of resolution to Board of Elections.
July 4, 2019	Board of Elections adopts resolution calling for referendum. Assuming the Board of Elections' regular meeting is the first Thursday of every month, this meeting date will be rescheduled due to the Fourth of July holiday and the schedule may need to be shifted accordingly.
July 15 – 29, 2019	Board of Elections publishes call of election at least 90 days in advance of election and submits ballot to ballot builder. We recommend that the call of election be published as both a legal ad and a display ad.
Week of July 15	Call of election to county-wide newspaper (legal organ) for typesetting by deadline.

	Week of July 22	Call of election is published in legal organ.
	Week of July 29	Call of election is published in legal organ.
September - October 2019		Board of Elections must publish the notice of election once a week for at least the 4 weeks immediately prior to election. We recommend an additional week to avoid any problems coordinating with the legal organ.
	Week of Sept 23	Send notice of election to legal organ for typesetting prior to legal organ's legal ad submission deadline.
	Week of Sept 30	Publish notice of election in legal organ.
	Week of Oct 7	Publish notice of election in legal organ.
	Week of Oct 14	Publish notice of election in legal organ.
	Week of Oct 21	Publish notice of election in legal organ.
	Week of Oct 28	Publish notice of election in legal organ.
October 7, 2019		Last day to register to vote in election.
November 5, 2019		Referendum to approve ESPLOST.
Post-election		Board of Elections to declare and certify the results of the election. Board of Elections to execute Certificate of Election Superintendent (5 day certificate). Board of Education resolution to declare results of election.