

275.55 Election.

1. After the final hearing on the dissolution proposal, the board of the school district shall submit the proposition to the voters at the next election held on a date specified in [section 39.2, subsection 4](#), paragraph “c”. However, the date of the final hearing on the dissolution proposal must be not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the election. The proposition submitted to the voters residing in the school district shall describe each separate area to be attached to a contiguous school district and shall name the school district to which it will be attached. In addition to the description, a map may be included in the summary of the question on the ballot.

2. The board shall give written notice of the election to the county commissioner of elections. The county commissioner of elections shall give notice of the election by one publication in the same newspaper in which the previous notice was published about the hearing, which publication shall not be less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the election.

3. The proposition shall be adopted if a majority of the electors voting on the proposition approve its adoption.

4. a. (1) If the proposition was approved by voters pursuant to [this section](#) prior to January 1, 2025, the attachment is effective July 1 following its approval.

(2) If the proposition was approved by voters pursuant to [this section](#) on or after January 1, 2025, the attachment is effective July 1 in the calendar year immediately subsequent to the calendar year in which the attachment was approved.

b. If the dissolution proposal is for the dissolution of a school district with a certified enrollment of fewer than six hundred, the territory located in the school district that dissolved is eligible, if approved by the director of the department of education, for a reduction in the foundation property tax levy under [section 257.3, subsection 1](#). If the director approves a reduction in the foundation property tax levy as provided in [this section](#), the director shall notify the director of the department of management of the reduction.

5. For bonds issued under [section 423E.5*](#) or [423F.4](#), the approval of the dissolution at election creates a lien on the revenues from the secure an advanced vision for education fund received by the district to which liability for payment of a portion of such bonds, subject to the same priority as provided by the dissolving school district. However, such a lien is limited to the extent required to satisfy payments for the portion of the liability assigned to the district.

[C81, §275.55]

[88 Acts, ch 1263, §4](#); [89 Acts, ch 135, §69](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1134, §87, 115](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1115, §44, 71](#); [2009 Acts, ch 50, §5](#); [2015 Acts, ch 93, §7, 8](#); [2025 Acts, ch 2, §2, 3](#)

Referred to in [§257.3, 275.54](#)

2025 amendment to subsection 4 applies retroactively to January 1, 2025; 2025 Acts, ch 2, §3

*[Chapter 423E](#) repealed effective June 30, 2023, pursuant to terms of former [§423E.7](#); corrective legislation is pending

Subsection 4 amended