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TO: Illinois Fire Protection District Trustees
FROM: Jim Sinclair, IAFFD Counsel
DATE: August 11, 2009
RE: Take Notice of 2010 Election Schedule Deadlines!

Because the primary election occurs in February 2010, several of the deadlines for referendum matters occur in 2009. Fire Protection Districts contemplating the presentation of a referendum question such as approval of a bond issue, annexation, new tax levy or PTELL rate adjustment at the February 2, 2010 election should be aware of the following deadlines:

Monday, October 19, 2009

Last day to file a petition to create a political subdivision. (This would apply to formation of a new fire protection district.)

Monday, November 16, 2009

Last day to file a petition for a referendum on a question of public policy. (This would apply to an annexation by referendum of voters in the area proposed for annexation or other matters which are initiated by petition such as a proposition to consolidate districts.)

Monday, November 30, 2009

Last day for the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution to place a referendum question on the February 2, 2010 election ballot. (This would apply to a referendum to increase a tax rate, establish a new levy, or increase a PTELL limiting rate.)

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Last day for the Secretary of the Board of Trustees as the District's Local Election Official to certify any binding public question to the election authority (County Clerk or Clerks). Also, the last day for the Circuit Clerk to certify to the election authority any binding question which is based on a petition filed with the Circuit Court (such as an annexation, district formation, or consolidation referendum question).

Districts which anticipate placing any question on the February 2, 2010 ballot should be aware of the foregoing deadlines and plan accordingly. Since matters based on petitions filed with the Circuit Court also require a hearing to be held with specified prior notice, it is important that sufficient time be allowed for this to occur.

If your district anticipates a ballot matter for the February 2, 2010 election, you should take steps well in advance of the applicable deadline to assure that all requirements for presentation of the ballot question are met.