

Special Election

February 11, 2014

Replacement of Expiring Maintenance and Operation Levy

District Information – Pasco School District No. 1

Active voters: 26,577

Inactive voters: 2,839 (as of 1/15/13)

Votes cast in last general election: 10,934

Validation Figure: No minimum turnout required

Minimum “yes” votes required to pass: 50+1

(See how this is calculated pg 2)

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Deadlines and Important Dates

Military/Overseas ballots mailed/emailed – Friday, January 10

Ballots mailed – Tuesday, January 21

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day: Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Ballots returned in person or in ballot drop box must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Individuals with Disabilities/Spanish Language Assistance

Accessible voting units can be found at the Franklin County Auditor’s Office beginning Wednesday, January 22. Bilingual Election Staff are also available to assist.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

On Election Day, February 11, hours are 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Public Meetings

The Canvassing board of Franklin County, pursuant to Chapter 29A.60 RCW, will hold open, public meetings at the dates and times listed below.

Processing of Ballots

January 24 – February 25

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(extended hours if necessary)

Election Results

February 11 – approximately 8:15 p.m.

Daily Counts and Updated Results

February 12 – February 25

(schedule may vary-based on ballot returns)

Canvassing Board Meeting

February 24, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

**Canvassing Board Meeting –
Certification of Election**

February 25, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

**Location: All meetings and activities
will be conducted at:**

Franklin County Election Center
116 North 3rd Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

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Bond and Levy Validation – Commonly Asked Questions

Passing a levy or bond issue isn't always a simple matter of majority rules. State law makes bond issues and some types of levies tougher to pass by requiring a "super majority". Other levies such as levy lid lifts and levies for schools only require a simple majority.

Q. How are excess levy and bond proposition elections different from regular elections?

By State Constitutional mandate, such propositions must be approved by not less than a sixty percent majority of the voters voting on the proposition rather than a simple majority. In addition, they have validation requirements.

Q. What are validation requirements?

These are provisions that require a minimum participation by eligible voters in order for the proposition to be valid regardless of the outcome of the vote.

Requirements for Passing a Levy

The number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition shall constitute at least three-fifths of a number equal to forty percent of the total votes cast in that taxing district at the last preceding general election.

Example: 10,000 votes cast in the last general election
 X 40%
 4,000
 X 60%
 2,400 = minimum "yes" vote required to pass

In other words, if only 3,000 voters vote on the proposition and 60% vote "yes," that would constitute only 1,800 "yes" votes. The proposition fails to validate and does not pass. However, if 3,000 voters vote on the proposition and at least 80% of the voters vote "yes" equal to 2,400 voters, the proposition would pass. If fewer than 2,400 votes are cast, the proposition automatically fails. Regardless, the proposition must have at least 60% "yes" to pass.

Requirements for Passing a Bond

Bond propositions have an additional validation factor. They have a minimum number of votes cast equal to not less than 40% of the total votes cast in the taxing district in the last general election.

Example: 10,000 votes cast in the last general election
 x 40%
 4,000 minimum to validate
 x 60%
 2,400 - Minimum "yes" vote required to pass

As in the example above, if only 3,000 voters cast votes on the proposition, even if 80% vote yes achieving the minimum "yes" vote, the proposition does not validate and fails. At least 4,000 votes must be cast to validate and, of those, at least 60% must be "yes".