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As you prepare this summer and fall for upcoming levy, bond and other elections, we'd like to remind you of some important election date changes for 2012 enacted by the Washington State Legislature during its recently completed 2011 session.

## Election Dates

As a means to facilitate voting for service and overseas voters, Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5171 was adopted and signed into law to, among other things, amend: (1) the dates for special elections; and (2) the dates by which election resolutions for such elections must be submitted to county auditors.

Pursuant to the legislative amendments, the following are the new dates for special elections:

- The second Tuesday in February (February 14, 2012);
- For 2012 only, the third Tuesday in April (April 17, 2012);
- For 2013 and beyond, the fourth Tuesday in April;
- The day of the primary as specified by RCW 29A.04.311 (August 7, 2012); and
- The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (November 6, 2012).

Election resolutions for special elections to be held in 2012 must be submitted to the county auditors by the following dates:

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Filing Deadline</b>	<b>Calculation Method</b>
February 14, 2012	<b>December 30, 2011</b>	46 days prior to election
April 17, 2012	<b>March 2, 2012</b>	46 days prior to election
August 7, 2012	<b>May 11, 2012</b>	No later than the Friday immediately before the first day of regular candidate filing
November 6, 2012	<b>August 7, 2012</b>	No later than the day of the primary

Please note that the changes to election dates do not take effect until January 1, 2012, so the election dates and election resolution submission dates for the remaining 2011 elections remain unchanged.

## Update Questions

If you are considering submitting a levy, bond or other proposition to the voters in 2012 and would like assistance drafting the election resolution, or have questions regarding any other items discussed in this Update, please do not hesitate to contact Roy J. Koegen ([roy@koegenedwards.com](mailto:roy@koegenedwards.com)), Mary J. Edwards ([mary@koegenedwards.com](mailto:mary@koegenedwards.com)) or Erik J. Lamb ([erik@koegenedwards.com](mailto:erik@koegenedwards.com)) at (509) 747-4040.