

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2018

ADVISORY REFERENDUM LIMITS AND TIMING

Background: Sauk County is empowered through its County Board to place advisory referendums on the spring and fall ballots. While thoughtful consideration of an advisory referendum question may be diminished by too many simultaneous referendum questions, no statute or other legal authority specifically limits the number of advisory referendum questions that the Sauk County Board may place on a spring or fall ballot at the same time. This resolution establishes numerical limits and timing requirements. With regard to timing, Wis. Stat. § 8.37 states that, unless otherwise required by law, all referenda questions must be submitted to the official responsible for preparing the ballots no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the question will appear on the ballot.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ None ☐ Budgeted Expenditure ☐ Not Budgeted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the following numerical and timing limits on advisory referendums be and are hereby adopted:

1. The County Board may approve for placement on any spring or fall ballot not more than three (3) advisory referendum questions.
2. The County Board may approve placement of an advisory referendum question on any spring or fall ballot only if it is submitted in writing to the Board not less than one-hundred-twenty (120) days prior to the date of the next election.
3. The date a proposed advisory referendum question is submitted to the Board shall not vest or otherwise give it any preference or priority over any other proposed referendum question properly submitted within the established time limits.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on August 21, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

MIS Note: No information systems impact