

**103B.545 REFERENDUM ON ESTABLISHMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Petition.** Twenty-six percent of the property owners within the lake improvement district proposed by the board or a joint county authority on its own initiative under section 103B.515, by petition under section 103B.521, or by the commissioner under section 103B.531, may petition for a referendum on establishing the district before the effective date of its establishment. After receiving the petition, the county board, joint county authority, or commissioner that proposed establishing the district must issue an order staying the establishment until a referendum vote is taken of all qualified voters and property owners within the proposed lake improvement district.

Subd. 2. **Election.** The county board or joint county authority shall conduct a special election in July or August after receiving the referendum petition. The special election must be held within the proposed lake improvement district. The county auditor shall administer the special election.

Subd. 3. **Question submitted to voters.** The question to be submitted and voted upon by the qualified voters and property owners within the proposed lake improvement district must be stated substantially as follows:

"Should a lake improvement district be established to provide (description of intended water and related land resources improvements) and financed by (description of revenue sources)?"

Subd. 4. **Certification of vote and establishment.** The county auditor must certify the vote on the question submitted. If a majority of those voting on the question favor establishing the proposed lake improvement district, the stay on establishing the district is lifted. If a majority of those voting on the question do not favor establishing the proposed lake improvement district, the establishment is denied.

**History:** 1990 c 391 art 2 s 39; 2000 c 396 s 2