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Reconsideration of Merger Votes

1. The voters in my district did not approve a merger proposal. What can I do to arrange for a re-vote on the issue?

The same process governing reconsideration or rescission of a budget vote (or any municipal vote) applies to merger votes as well (17 V.S.A. § 2661). District voters may submit a petition for reconsideration or rescission within 30 days of the merger vote. The petition must be signed by at least 5 % of the registered voters in the district. The revote is then scheduled to occur within 60 after the petition is submitted.

2. The voters in my district approved a merger proposal. What can I do to arrange for a re-vote on the issue?

See the answer to question # 1 above.

3. The voters of District A and District B recently voted on a merger proposal. The voters in District B have submitted a petition for reconsideration. Does that mean the voters in District A have to revote the issue as well?

No. The voters in District B cannot require the voters in District A to revote the issue. District A will revote the issue only if the voters in its own district file a valid petition for reconsideration.

4. The voters of District A and District B recently voted on a merger proposal. The voters in both District A and District B have submitted petitions for reconsideration. Do the reconsideration votes have to be scheduled for the same day?

No. The law only requires that the initial vote on the proposed merger occur on the same day (16 V.S.A. § 706d). Nothing requires districts to schedule reconsideration votes on the same day.