VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

IN RE: PETITION REQUESTING REFERENDUM AUTHORIZING LOCAL SALES TAX FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION	Case No.: 26-1735

AMENDED ORDER ON PETITION FOR REFERENDUM AUTHORIZING LOCAL SALES TAX FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION

This matter came before the Court upon the petition of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia ("Board"), requesting that a referendum be held on the question of whether Washington County may levy a local retail sales tax pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-605.1 as amended by the 2026 Virginia Acts of Assembly; and after consideration of the petition; the resolution of the Board dated September 22, 2026; and the applicable provisions of Virginia Code §§ 24.2-684 and 58.1-605.1, the Court hereby **ORDERS AND DECREES** the following:

1. Referendum Ordered. A referendum shall be held in Washington County, Virginia, on April 6, 2027, on the question of whether Washington County may levy a local sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent (1%) with all revenues to be used solely for capital projects for new school construction and major school renovation in Washington County.

2. Ballot Question. The question to appear on the ballot shall be stated as follows:

SHALL WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, LEVY A LOCAL RETAIL SALES TAX NOT TO EXCEED ONE PERCENT (1%) TO PROVIDE REVENUE SOLELY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS OR MAJOR RENOVATION OF SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WITH SUCH TAX TO EXPIRE IN THE CASE OF PROJECTS NOT FUNDED BY BONDS OR LOANS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2046?

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

Certified, Washington Circuit, Tricia Moore, Clerk, Verify at https://risweb.vacourts.gov/jsra/CdvAct/ (Document ID:191-3960)

3. Publication of Notice. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County shall publish notice of the referendum in a newspaper of general circulation in Washington County once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the election, in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-605.1.

4. Ballot Preparation and Distribution. The General Registrar of Washington County shall prepare the ballot in accordance with this Order and Virginia Code § 24.2-684 and shall distribute the ballots to the appropriate precincts.

5. Conduct of Referendum. On April 6, 2027 and during any early absentee voting period preceding that date, the regular election officers of Washington County shall open the polls and take the sense of the qualified voters of Washington County on the question so submitted. The ballots shall be printed, marked, and counted and returns made and canvassed as in other elections, in accordance with Virginia Code § 24.2-684.

6. Certification of Results. The Secretary of the Washington County Electoral Board shall certify the results of the referendum to the State Board of Elections, to this Court, and to the Board of Supervisors of Washington County.

7. Transmission of Order. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington County shall immediately send a certified copy of this Order to the State Board of Elections, to the Washington County Electoral Board, to the General Registrar of Washington County, and to the Board of Supervisors of Washington County.

ENTERED this 29 day of September, 2026.

Presiding Judge

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