

Annual Municipal Election Date

Suggested Motion: Set the date for the Annual City/School Municipal Election for the First Tuesday in June, beginning in FY2002 (June 4, 2002)

Benefits:

- Less worry about bad weather in June.
- Schools will not be in session so polling places will be quieter and more available for use
- Increase in number of people available to work elections because “snowbirds” are usually back in the Black Hills by June
- School Board members will have less time between being elected and taking office
- Costs will be reduced as a result of cost-sharing with three entities

School Business Manager Dan Dryden is in favor of making this change.

Changes Needed:

Must pass a motion at the first meeting in January to change the date of the annual election.

Will require a change in City Ordinance which currently states that the election will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of April. Date elected officials take office will also have to be amended. State law already allows these changes, if approved by the local governing body.