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Fw: Municipal Budget Referendums

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Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 11:23 AM

To: Michael Dubreuil <dubreilm@gmail.com>, "Jason L." <jaylach@gmail.com>

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On Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 11:23 AM, deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com> wrote:

Thank you for your help.

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On Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 11:13 AM, Augeri, Heather <Heather.Augeri@ct.gov> wrote:

State has no jurisdiction over municipal referendums.

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From: deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10:42:58 AM**To:** Augeri, Heather <Heather.Augeri@ct.gov>**Subject:** Re: Municipal Budget Referendums

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Thank you, however I thought all public hearings by CT law, needed a legal notice to be published in a newspaper? Does this not hold true for BOF municipal budget hearings?

Does the state have any jurisdiction at all over our municipal referendum process or is it entirely a local issue?

Sorry, it is all very confusing.

Our Charter requires the BOF to hold two public budget hearings. I thought public hearings in CT required legal notices to be published in a newspaper?

Thanks again for your help.

Deanna Bouchard

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On Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 9:39 AM, Augeri, Heather <Heather.Augeri@ct.gov> wrote:

Again, this is a municipal issue. You should check the ordinances or the charter of the town.

Heather Augeri

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From: deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 9:25 AM
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Thank you for your response.

If a town is holding a public hearing to present the Town and BOE budgets to citizens, is the municipality required to post a legal notice for the public hearing in a newspaper?

Thank you

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On Thursday, February 27, 2025, 3:47 PM, Augeri, Heather <Heather.Augeri@ct.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Bouchard:

You are correct in your interpretation of the law. Additional information would be gathered on a local level from each town. We have 169 towns, and their local governments all differ in how they are run.

Heather Augeri

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From: SOTS LEAD <LEAD@ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 3:35 PM
To: Augeri, Heather <Heather.Augeri@ct.gov>
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Please take a look at ticket [#209589](#) raised by deee bouchard (deeedeee1963@yahoo.com).

Thank You,

Lori Magora

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On Thu, 27 Feb at 3:10 PM , deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Dear Secretary of the State,

I am writing to seek further clarification regarding local budget referendums in Connecticut. In my research of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), I found limited information pertaining to the laws surrounding local referenda. I did, however, come across a document issued by your office titled "Frequently Asked Questions for Town Clerks and Registrar of Voters," which addresses various aspects of referenda.

In particular, Question #4 in the document states that your office has "extremely limited jurisdiction in regard to referenda, as they are a local, rather than a state issue." The document also mentions Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-369c, which forbids Town Clerks from mailing absentee ballots for a referendum to voters if the referendum is to be held with less than three weeks' notice. Furthermore, it is noted that your office may offer assistance in the case of a referendum specifically for Charter revision, and if the referendum is held in conjunction with an election, questions must meet certain formatting criteria.

I understand from this response that local referendums fall under the jurisdiction of individual towns and not the Office of the Secretary of the State; is my interpretation of this correct?. With this in mind, I would appreciate your guidance on where I might look to find further information regarding the rules and regulations governing local budget referendums. Specifically, should one refer to the individual town's charter or local ordinances for this information, or is there another source or governing body that oversees these matters?

Any additional resources, references, or guidance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this inquiry. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Deanna Bouchard

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