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## 2011 school district question submitted elections data now available

County clerks reported historic low numbers of question submitted elections during 2011. Only eight elections were held by school districts, and only three of those were for the purposes of authorizing bonded indebtedness. Only one of those bond issues was approved by the voters. Elections were also held to authorize capital outlay levies, LOB authority and participation in joint recreation commissions.

On the graph to the right, note the increased frequency in total elections following the passage in 1992 of the state aid program, and the LOB mechanism. The "spike" in elections in 2006 followed passage of a statute requiring that more attention be paid to the issue of equal population representation among school board member district boundaries. Many boards dealt with this by simplifying their method of election, which requires approval of the voters.

This information was gathered from a survey of county clerks and county election officers. Please report any missing 2011 elections to the KASB Research Department.

Call the KASB Research Department 800-432-2471 or email research@kasb.org for additional information.

KAŚB Research also has available a searchable database of all question submitted elections in Kansas affecting school districts held after January 1 , 1995. Call or email to request this file.

| Bond Issues |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 352 | Goodland | 5-Apr | Bond Issue for capital improvements | Failed | \$14,900,000 |
|  | Tonganoxie | 5-Apr | New Elem school improverments to high school | Failed | \$26,900,000 |
| 230 | Spring Hill | 13-June | New Elem School and other improvements | Passed | \$39,000,000 |
| Local Option Budgets |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Smoky Valley | 5-Apr | Local Option Budget (1\%) | Passed |  |
| 247 | Cherokee | 19-Jul | Local Option Budget (1\%) | Failed |  |
| Capital Outlay Lery |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Wamego | 26-May | Capital Outlay - 8 mills for 5 years | Failed |  |
| Other Special Questions |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 347 Kinsley-Offerle 5-Apr Recreation Comm. City of Kinsley not to exceed 2 mills Passed |  |  |  |  |  |
| 294 | Oberlin | 13-Dec | Recreation Commission | Failed |  |

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