V I R G I N I A:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GREENE COUNTY

IN RE: REFERENDUM ON GENERAL RETAIL SALES TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS GREENE COUNTY, VIRGINIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

Petitioner. **Case No. _______________**

ORDER FOR REFERENDUM

Upon the Petition for an Order for Referendum filed by the Board of Supervisors **(the "Board")** of Greene County, Virginia **(the "County")**, by counsel, requesting that the QUESTION, "Shall Greene County, Virginia be authorized to levy a general retail sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent, with the revenues to be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools serving Greene County, Virginia, including related bond and loan financing costs, and with the tax expiring on June 30, 2046?" be put before the qualified voters on November 3, 2026, the next scheduled general election.

1. Sections 58.1-605.1 and 58.1-606.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended **(the "Code")**, as amended by the 2026-2028 biennium budget bill effective July 1, 2026, authorize the governing body of any county or city to levy a general retail sales and use tax at a rate not to exceed one percent for capital projects for the construction or renovation of schools serving the county or city, subject to approval by the qualified voters at a referendum held pursuant to Section 24.2-681 *et seq.* of the Code.
2. Section 24.2-682(B) of the Code states, "[a] referendum elections shall be ordered at least 81 days prior to the date for which the referendum election is called."

3. The Board requests that the date of November 3, 2026, which is the date of the next scheduled general election, be the date of the referendum to put before the voters the question of authorizing the County to levy a general retail sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools serving the County.
4. Section 24.2-684 of the Code requires that "[t]he order shall be entered and the election held within a reasonable period of time subsequent to the receipt of the request for the referendum if the request is found to be in proper order. The court order shall set the date for the referendum in conformity with the requirements of § 24.2-682."

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY ORDERED and DECREED that (i) the Petition be granted and a referendum shall be held at the next general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, (ii) the General Registrar of the County prepare the ballot for use with the question stated as set forth below and distribute the ballot to the appropriate precincts and (iii) the QUESTION, "Shall Greene County, Virginia be authorized to levy a general retail sales tax at a rate not to exceed one percent, with the revenues to be used solely for capital projects for new construction or major renovation of schools serving Greene County, Virginia, including related bond and loan financing costs, and with the tax expiring on June 30, 2046?

(___) Yes

(___) No"

be put before the qualified voters.

The County is directed to publish notice of this referendum in a newspaper published or having general circulation in the County at least once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks before the election, pursuant to Section 58.1-605.1 of the Code.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to send a certified copy of this Order forthwith to the State Board of Elections, pursuant to Section 24.2-684 of the Code, and to counsel for the County.

ENTERED this _____day of __________, 2026.

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JUDGE

ENTRY REQUESTED BY:

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