

# New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Bond Referenda Survey: 1999

## Second/Third/Fourth Try: 1999

Twenty-nine (29) of the 89 construction questions on the ballot during 1999 represented school districts' second, third and, in one case, fourth attempts to gain voter approval of building/renovation projects.

<b>1999</b>	<b># Passed</b>	<b>% Passed</b>	<b># Defeated</b>	<b>% Defeated</b>
All Referenda	63.5 *	71.3%	25.5 *	28.7%
1 <sup>st</sup> Attempt	43	71.7%	17	28.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Attempt	10	62.5%	6	37.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Attempt	10.5 *	87.5% *	1.5 *	12.5% *
4 <sup>th</sup> Attempt	—	—	1	100.0%

- NJSBA looked at 16 of the 20 school districts where ballot questions succeeded on the second or third try. In these elections, 11 of the facility plans had been reduced in cost from the previous, unsuccessful questions. Five of the successful proposals had been amended and represented higher costs than the previous, unsuccessful questions.
- Of the districts that suffered defeats during 1999, five had indicated (as of December 1999) that they had established another referendum date.

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\* In one district where the referendum consisted of two questions, voters approved one proposition and defeated the other.