

School Board

School Board Elections

School Board elections are governed by the general election laws of the State of Illinois.

School Board members are elected at the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years. If, however, that date conflicts with the celebration of Passover, the consolidated election is postponed until the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover. The canvass of votes is conducted by the election authority within 21 days after the election.

The School Board's election duties are:

1. The Board, by proper resolution, may place public policy propositions on the ballot.
2. The Board President, Secretary and the member with the longest continuous service, whose nominating petition is not being challenged, compose the Education Officers Electoral Board to hear and rule on objections to candidate nominating petitions and voter petitions.
3. The School Board Secretary serves as the local election official, assisted by designated representatives appointed by the Board.

Petitions nominating a citizen and resident of the District to the office of Board Member must be signed by at least fifty (50) registered voters or 10% of the total number of registered voters in the District, whichever is less, and filed with the Board Secretary, or other person designated by the Board to receive nominating petitions, through the District Administration Office.

The Board Secretary shall receive and file only those petitions which include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator, and a receipt from the County Clerk showing that the candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interest within the time prescribed by law.

The Board Secretary shall notify the candidate for whom a petition for nomination is filed of the candidate's obligations under the Illinois Campaign Financing Act.

The Board Secretary shall also acknowledge to the Petitioner his or her acceptance of the petition in writing within 7 days of filing or on the last day for filing, whichever is earlier.

The Board Secretary may release unofficial results of elections as soon as the election judges give him their records. Any interested citizen or newspaper may receive the information if it is asked for.

The official results of the election will be released at the canvass of election results at an official public Board meeting held no later than 21 days after the election.

The Secretary of the Board shall turn over all records of the election to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall preserve those records in accordance with the law.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois Election Code, Sec. 1-3, 2A-1.2, 2A-48, 10-9, and 22-17.(10 ILCS 5 /1-3, 5/2A-1.2, 5/2A-48, 5/10-9, and 5/22-17);
Illinois School Code, Sec. 9-1, 9-1.1, 9-2(d), 9-10, and 9-18 (105 ILCS 5/9-1, 5/9-1.1, 5/9-2(d), 5/9-10, and 5/9-18);
Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.);
Illinois Campaign Financing Act (10 ILCS 5/9-1 et seq.);

CROSS REF.: 2.40 and 2.50

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