

BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for qualifying for school board service.

Members of the board should have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education, a willingness to give time and effort to the work, a capacity for understanding people, and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Constitutional and statutory provisions require that all officers of the state and its subdivisions be qualified electors; that is, registered to vote, in their resident precinct.

There is also a provision in the South Carolina Constitution which prohibits dual office-holding, except in instances when an officer is given ex-officio status by statute. Any office-holder who is elected to a second office must vacate the first office. Thus, a board member may not hold another office. Under this provision, "office-holding" means being elected or appointed to an office of the state or its subdivisions.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Constitution:

1. Article II, Sections 3 & 4 – Definition of qualified electors.
2. Article VI, Section 3 – Prohibits dual office-holding.
3. Article XVII, Section 1 & 1A – Qualification for office and prohibition against dual office-holding.

B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 7-5-120 – Qualifications for voter registration.