

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Terms of Office

Terms of office for school board members are four years and are staggered in accordance with state law.

Conducting School Elections

School elections must be conducted and the votes canvassed in the same manner as in the election of county officers. The Board shall hold an election in even number years between April 1st and June 30th to fill all vacancies, including those caused by the expiration of terms of office. In accordance with NDCC § 15.1-09-22, upon resolution of the Board, the annual election may be held in conjunction with the regular election of a city, as required by state law or by the home rule powers of the city, provided the city is located wholly or partially within the school district. The school board may agree with the governing body of the city to share election costs and responsibilities, including those associated with election personnel, the printing of election materials, the publishing of legal notices, and the use of poll books. If a school district election is held at the same time as a county primary election, the Board may enter into an agreement with the county to share the costs and responsibilities of conducting the election as provided in NDCC § 15.1-09-24. This may include duties related to the canvassing board, hiring election personnel, printing election materials, publishing legal notices, and using poll books. If the Board enters into such an agreement with the county, the Board must provide written notice to the county auditor at least sixty-four days before the election, specifying the offices to be filled and any measures that will appear on the ballot. The District may not use a private entity to administer its elections.

Statement of Interest

Every school board candidate shall sign and file the statement of interest required under state law. Write-in candidates shall file the statement of interest after the candidate's election at the time of filing the required oath of office. While holding office, every elected board member shall submit an annual statement of interest to the Business Manager by January 31st.

Complementing Policies:

- BBC, Method of Filling a Board Vacancy