

## **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. A Board member may be reelected to the Board for an indefinite number of succeeding terms.

The election duties of the School Board are outlined in numbers 1 through 4:

1. By proper resolution, the Board may place public policy propositions on the ballot.
2. Members of the Board make up an Electoral Board to hear and rule on objections to candidate nominating petitions and voter petitions.
3. The Board must canvass the precinct returns and declare the results following each election.
4. 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. Such petitions then must be filed with the Board Secretary, or other person designated by the Board to receive nominating petitions, through the District Administration Office.

The Board Recording Secretary, or his or her designee, will:

1. Receive and file only those petitions that include a statement of candidacy, the required number of voter signatures, the notarized signature of the petition circulator, and a receipt from the DuPage County Clerk showing that the candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interest within the time prescribed by law;
2. Notify each candidate for whom nominating petitions have been filed of the candidate's obligations under the Illinois Campaign Financing Act; and
3. Notify each candidate in writing whether his or her petitions have been accepted -- within 7 days of filing or on the last day for filing, whichever is

earlier.

4. Release unofficial results of elections as soon as the county election judges release those results. Any interested citizen or newspaper is entitled to receive this information.

The official results of the election will be released during the canvass of election results at an official public meeting of the Board -- to be held no later than 7 days after the election.

5. Turn over all records of the election to the Superintendent, who will 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.: 215.01 and 215.02

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