

## **School Board**

### **Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies**

#### Vacancy

The elective office of a School Board member becomes vacant before the term's expiration when -- as stated in the Illinois School Code -- any of the following occurs:

1. The death of the incumbent;
2. His or her resignation in writing filed with the Secretary of the School Board;
3. His or her becoming a person under legal disability;
4. His or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of the District;
5. His or her conviction of a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, or of any offense involving a violation of official oath;
6. His or her removal from office;
7. The decision of competent tribunal declaring his or her election void;
8. His or her ceasing to be an inhabitant of a particular area from which he or she was elected, if the residential requirements contained in The School Code are violated; or
9. His or her conviction of having an illegal conflict of interest.

#### Filling Vacancies

Whenever a vacancy occurs, the remaining members will notify the Regional Superintendent of Schools of that vacancy within 5 days after its occurrence and will fill the vacancy until the next regular school board election, when a successor will be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. However, if the vacancy occurs with less than 868 days remaining in the term, or if the vacancy occurs less than 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election for School Board Members, then the person so appointed will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, and no election to fill the vacancy will be held. The successor must have the same type of residential qualifications as his or her predecessor. The Board will fill the vacancy within 45 days after it occurred by a public vote at a meeting of the Board.

Should the Board fail to act within forty-five (45) days after the vacancy occurs, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will fill the vacancy within thirty (30) days after the remaining members have failed to act. If the Regional Superintendent fails to act, the vacancy will be filled at the next regularly scheduled election.

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the School Board, the Board will accept applications from District residents who are interested in filling the vacancy. After reviewing the

applications, the board will invite the prospective candidates for personal interviews to be conducted during duly scheduled closed meetings.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-9, 10-10 and 10-11 (105 ILCS 5/10-9, 5/10-10 and 5/10-11).

CROSS REF.: 215.01 and 215.03

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