

Board of Education

School District Elections

School district elections are non-partisan; governed by the general election laws of the State and include the election of School Board members, various public policy propositions, and advisory questions. School Board members are elected at the consolidated election held on the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years. If, however, that date conflicts with the celebration of Passover, the consolidated election is postponed to 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. No more than three Board members can represent any one congressional township.

The School Board's election duties are:

1. The Board, by proper resolution, ~~may place public policy propositions on the ballot~~ *on the ballot: (a) public policy referendum according to Article 28 of the Election Code, or (b) advisory questions of public policy according to Section 9-1.5 of the School Code.*
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~~ *public questions. However, if any member of the Electoral Board is a candidate for the office for which the objection petition is filed, he or she is replaced on the Electoral Board by the School Board member with the second longest continuous service.*
3. The Board Secretary or clerk serves as the local election official, assisted by designated representatives appointed by the Board.

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/1-3, 5/2A-1.1 ~~et seq.~~, 5/10-9, 5/22-17, 5/22-18 and 5/28-1 ~~et seq.~~
105 ILCS 5/9 *and 5/9-1.5 et seq.*

CROSS REF.: 2:40 (Board Policy Qualifications), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office), 2:210 (Organizational School Board Meeting)

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