## Bylaws of the Board

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES EDUCATION ELECTIONS

Any person is eligible to be a Board of <u>Trustees Education</u> member, without further qualifications, if he/she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the state, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. (Education Code 35107)

A district employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her position before being sworn in or, if the employee does not resign, shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office. (Education Code 35107)

(cf. 9270 – Conflict of Interest)

When possible, Board election procedures shall be conducted in accordance with the California Education Code and Elections Code. (Education Code 5300)

(cf. 9110 – Terms of Office)

## **Statement of Qualifications**

The District shall assume no part of the cost of printing, handling, translating, or mailing candidate statements pursuant to Elections Code 13307.

The Board secretary shall notify the County Clerk of this policy on or before the 125th day before each Board member election. (Elections Code 10509)

Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 400 words. (Elections Code 13307)

## **Tie Votes in Board Member Elections**

Before each election, the Board shall establish whether A potential tie is to be resolved by lot or with a runoff election. (Education Code 5016)

After an election for which the Board has decided to resolve a tie by lot that results in a tie, the Board shall immediately notify the candidates who received the tie votes of the time and place where lots shall be cast to determine the winner. The candidates shall appear at the time and place designated by the Board either personally or by a representative. (Education Code 5016)

The Board will direct that the name of each of candidate is written on a separate piece of paper, as nearly uniform in size and material as possible, and placed in a receptacle so the names cannot be seen. In the presence of a majority of the Board at a public meeting, the Board's designee, who may be an employee of the District but may not be a Board member or candidate for the Board, will draw one of the names from the receptacle. The candidate whose name is drawn shall

be declared elected and the results shall be reported to the County Superintendent of Schools or other appropriate elections official.

After an election for which the Board has resolved a tie with a runoff election, the Board shall schedule the runoff election in accordance with law.

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Legal Reference:
 EDUCATION CODE
 5000-5033 Elections
 5300-5304 General provisions (conduct of elections)
 5320-5329 Order and call of elections
 5340-5345 Consolidation of elections
 5360-5363 Election notice
 5380 Compensation (of election officer)
 5390 Qualifications of voters
 5420-5426 Cost of elections
 5440-5443 Miscellaneous provisions (re returns, recounts, etc.)
 35107 Eligibility; school district employees
 35177 Campaign expenditures or contributions
ELECTIONS CODE
 1302 Local elections, school district election
 2201 Grounds for cancellation
2220-2226 Residency confirmation procedures
 10400-10418 Consolidation of elections
 10509 Notice of election by secretary
 10600-10604 School district elections
 13307 Candidate's statement
13309 Candidate's statement, indigency
GOVERNMENT CODE
 1021 Conviction of crime
1097 Illegal participation in public contract
81000-91013 Political Reform Act
PENAL CODE
 68 Bribes
74 Acceptance of gratuity
424 Embezzlement and falsification of accounts by public officers
 661 Removal for neglect or violation of official duty
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 2, Section 2 Voters, qualifications
Article 7, Section 7 Conflicting offices
Article 7, Section 8 Disqualification from office
COURT DECISIONS
California Pro-Life Council Political Action Committee v. Jan Scully et. al. (1998) 989
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83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 181 (2000)

81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 98 (1998)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

Fair Political Practices Commission: http://www.fppc.ca.gov

CA Secretary of State's Office: http://www.sos.ca.gov

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