

Board of Education

Board Member Term of Office

The term of office for a Board member begins immediately after both of the following occur:

1. The election authority canvasses the votes and declares the winner(s); this occurs within 21 days after the consolidated election held in April in the odd-numbered years.
2. The successful candidate takes the oath of office as provided in Board Policy 2.80, Board Member Oath and Conduct.

Chronology of Subdistricts/Elections

NOTE: When the District was organized into seven subdistricts, School Board seats were divided into two lots of four seats to run for election for terms of 2 years, 4 years and 4 years and three seats to run for election for terms of 4 years, 4 years and 2 years. In this way, the entire Board will be up for re-election each 10 years to coincide with the decennial census.

Following is the sequence of events resulting in Board members' terms of office:

- *November 7, 1989, a referendum passed approving the organization of the district into seven (7) subdistricts.*
- *May 21, 1991, the Board adopted its first map for the seven subdistricts.*
- *August 14, 1991, the federal court held a hearing on the reorganization of the Board into subdistricts.*
- *September 12, 1991, the federal court issued a preliminary order enjoining the Board election until March 17, 1992. (The election was to have been held on November 5, 1991).*
- *October 21, 1991, the federal court issued an order revising the calendar for Board elections, approving the new subdistrict boundaries and providing that the federal court approve election results by April 1, 1992.*
- *March 17, 1992, an election was held for all seven subdistricts, thereby commencing the 10-year cycle.*
- *November 2, 1993, an election was held for subdistricts D, E and F for 4-year terms.*
- *November 7, 1995, an election was held for subdistricts A, B, C and G for 4-year terms.*
- *November 4, 1997, an election was held for subdistricts D, E and F for 4-year terms and subdistrict C for a 2-year term.*

- *April 13, 1999, an election was held for subdistricts A, B, C and G for 4-year terms (this election should have been for 2-year terms to complete the ten-year cycle). (Reorganization 11-9-99)*
- *April 3, 2001, an election was held for subdistricts D, E and F for 4-year terms. (Reorganization 11-13-01).*
- *July 1, 2002, the Board appointed a new member for a vacant seat in subdistrict E to hold that seat until the next Board election.*
- *January 28, 2003, Ratification of Decision in re People of the State of Illinois vs. Rockford Board of Education, et al. ordering the Board to draw by public lot one sub-district to run for a two-year term on the April 2003 ballot to bring the Board in compliance with the ten-year cycle.*
- *April 1, 2003, an election was held for subdistricts A for a 2-year term, and B, C, E and G for 4-year terms.*
- *April 5, 2005, an election was held for subdistricts A, D and F for 4-year terms.*
- *October 11, 2005, the Board appointed a new member for a vacant seat in subdistrict B to hold that seat until the next Board election.*
- *April 17, 2007, an election was held for Subdistricts B, C, E and G for four-year terms.*
- *January 8, 2008, the Board appointed a new member for a vacant seat in subdistrict F to hold that seat until the next Board election.*
- *April 2009, an election was held for Subdistricts A, D and F for four-year terms.*
- *April 5, 2011, an election was held for subdistricts B, C, E and G for two year terms.*
- *May 24, 2011, the Board appointed a new member for a vacant seat in subdistrict E to hold that seat until the next Board election.*
- *April 2013, all Board seats will appear on the ballot, thereby once again commencing the 10-year cycle. Subdistricts A, C, F and G will appear on the ballot for four-year terms, and Subdistricts B, D and E will appear on the ballot for two-year terms.*

LEGAL REF.: 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1, 5/22-17, and 5/22-18.
105 ILCS 5/10-10, 5/10-16, and 5/10-16.5.

CROSS REF.: 2.30, 2.80, 2.210

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