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SECTION 2 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:30 School District Elections

School District elections are non-partisan, governed by the general election laws of the State, and include the election of Board of Education members, various public policy propositions, and advisory questions. 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.^{C1}

The Board, by proper resolution, may cause to be placed 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](#).

The Board Secretary serves as the local election official. He or she receives petitions for the submission of a public question to referenda and forwards them to the proper election officer and otherwise provides information to the community concerning District elections.

LEGAL REF.:

[10 ILCS 5/1-3](#), [5/2A](#), [5/9](#), [5/10-9](#), [5/22-17](#), [5/22-18](#), and [5/28](#).

[105 ILCS 5/9](#).

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

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Riverside Public School District 96

PRESSPlus Comments

- C1. This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:
- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
 - Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
 - Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

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