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## 0142.5 - **VACANCIES**

The office of a Board member shall become vacant immediately upon the occurrence of any one (1) of the following events:

- A. the death of the incumbent or the incumbent's being found mentally incompetent by the proper court;
- B. the incumbent's resignation;
- C. the incumbent's removal from office;
- D. the incumbent's conviction of a felony or imprisonment for one (1) or more years;
- E. the incumbent's election or appointment being declared void by a competent tribunal;
- F. the incumbent's neglect or failure to file the oath of office or to give or renew an official bond, if required;
- G. the incumbent's ceasing to possess the legal qualifications for holding office;
- H. the incumbent moving his/her residence out of the District; or
- I. the incumbent is absent from the territory of the District for a period of sixty (60) continuous days, unless such absence is due to active duty in the armed forces, in which case the vacancy shall be temporary for the remainder of the term or until the incumbent returns and files a notice of his/her intent to return to his/her unexpired term.

A vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board in accordance with 17.26, Wis. Stats.

## Filling a Board Vacancy

The vacancy shall be filled by the Board using the following procedure:

- A. Appointment by the Board to fill a vacancy shall be by the <u>members majority vote</u> of the <u>remaining existing</u> Board <u>consistent with Bylaw 0162 - Quorum and Bylaw 0167.1 - Voting</u>. All votes shall be recorded, preserved and open to public inspection to the extent prescribed in <u>Wis. Stat.</u> Chapter 19, <u>Wis. Stats</u>. Secret ballots may only be used when Board members are electing officers.
- B. The Board shall seek qualified and interested candidates from the community through the news media, word of mouth, and contacts with appropriate organizations.

C. All applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the District Administrator.

D. If the vacancy is not filled within sixty (60) days of the date on which the vacancy first exists, the vacancy shall be filled by

- 1. appointment of the Board President.
- 2. from among the applicants who completed the process noted above.

The appointee shall hold office until a successor is elected and takes office under **Wis. Stats.**, 120.06(4), **Wis. Stats**. When a vacancy occurs in the office of a Board member who is in the last year of his/her term, or when a vacancy occurs after the spring election but on or before the last Tuesday in November in the office of a Board member who is not in the last year of his/her term, the successor shall be elected at the next spring election. When a vacancy occurs after the last Tuesday in November and on or before the date of the next spring election in the office of a Board member who is not in the last year of his/her term, the successor shall be elected at the 2nd following spring election. Elections to fill unexpired terms shall be held simultaneously with the elections for regular terms.

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Legal 17.03 et seq., Wis. Stats. 17.26 (1g)(a), Wis. Stats. 120.12(28), Wis. Stats.

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