

POLICY 1040

Board Member Elections and Redistricting

A. Term

1. The term of office for an elected member is four years, except as required because of reapportionment as set forth below, and begins on the first Monday in January following the election.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-203\(2\) \(2025\)](#)

B. Candidacy

1. An individual may become a candidate for election to the Board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk during the period beginning at 8 a.m. on ~~the first business day in January of an even-numbered year January 2 of the year in which the next regular general election is held (or if January 2 is not a business day, the first business day after January 2)~~ and ending at 5 p.m. on the ~~fifth fourth~~ business day ~~in January of an even-numbered year after the day on which the period begins~~ and paying the fee described in [Utah Code § 20A-9-202](#).

[Utah Code § 20A-14-203\(1\) \(2025\)](#)

[Utah Code § 20A-9-201.5 \(2026\)](#)

C. Elections

1. No more than four (4) members may be elected to the Board in any election, unless otherwise required as a consequence of redistricting as set forth below, or to fill a vacancy by election under [Policy 1032 Vacancies on the Board](#).

[Utah Code § 20A-14-202\(1\)\(h\) \(2022\)](#)

D. Redistricting does not cut short board member terms

1. Redistricting does not affect the right of any school board member to complete the term for which the member was elected, except as may be required for redistricting following creation of a new school district.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(5\) \(2025\)](#)

E. Representation of school board districts after redistricting

1. If after redistricting only one board member whose term extends beyond redistricting lives within a local school board district, that board member shall represent that school board district.
2. If after redistricting two or more members whose terms extend beyond redistricting live within a local school board district, the members involved shall select one member by lot to represent that school board district.
 - a. The other members shall serve at-large for the remainder of their terms.
 - b. Notwithstanding the number of board members otherwise established by law, the at-large board members shall serve in addition to the designated number of board members for the board in question for the remainder of their terms.
3. If after redistricting there is no board member living within a local school board district whose term extends beyond redistricting, the seat for that school board district shall be treated as vacant and filled as provided in [Policy 1032](#).

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(6\) \(2025\)](#)

F. Adjustment of term lengths because of redistricting

1. If, before an election affected by redistricting, the county or municipal legislative body that conducted the redistricting determines that one or more members must be elected to terms of two years to meet this part's requirements for staggered terms, the legislative body shall determine by lot which of the local school board districts will elect members to two-year terms and which will elect members to four-year terms. All subsequent elections are for four-year terms.

[Utah Code § 20A-14-201\(7\) \(2025\)](#)