

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELECTION, APPOINTMENT, FILLING VACANCIES AND
REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

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- 1320.1 The Board shall consist of nine members elected at large.
- 1320.2 At each election for School Directors, each qualified voter of Fairfield Area School District shall be entitled to cast one vote for each School Director to be elected.
- 1320.3 Term of Office Removal from Office
Each Director elected shall serve a term of four years. The terms of the members shall expire on the first Monday of December of each odd numbered year; five on the first odd numbered year, four on the next odd numbered year and so forth. School Directors elected at each municipal election shall begin their terms on the first Monday of December following their election.
- 1320.4 Filling Vacancies
"In case any vacancy shall occur in any board of school directors by reason of death, resignation, removal from the district, or otherwise...in a school district of the second, third, or fourth classes, the remaining members of the board of school directors shall, by a majority vote thereof, fill such vacancy from the qualified electors of the district within thirty (30) days thereafter. In a district of the second, third, or fourth class, the person selected to fill such a vacancy shall be a qualified elector of the district and shall hold his office, if the term thereof so long continues, until the first Monday of December after the first municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after his appointment. At such election an eligible person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. If, by reason of a tie vote or otherwise, such vacancy shall not have been filled by the board of school directors within thirty (30) days after such vacancy shall have occurred from the qualified electors of the district, the court of common pleas of the proper county, upon the petition of ten or more resident taxpayers, shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a suitable person from the qualified electors of the district if the term of the vacant office so long continues, until the first Monday of December after the first municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after his appointment. At such election an eligible person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. When any member of a board of school directors heretofore or hereafter enlists or is inducted into the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war, a temporary vacancy shall be declared, which shall be filled by the remaining members of the board of the court, as the case may be

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from the qualified electors of the district, until the return of such member of the board from the military or naval service, or until the expiration of the term for which he shall have been elected, whichever shall be the shorter period." [Sec. 315]

1320.5 Removal from Office

A Board member removed from office is governed by the following guidelines.

1320.5a "If the board of school directors in any district (1) fail to organize as hereafter provided, or (2) refuse or neglect to perform any duty imposed upon it by the provisions of this act relating to school districts...,any ten resident taxpayers in the district..., may present their or its petition in writing, verified by the oath or affirmation of at least three such resident taxpayers..., to the court of common pleas of the county in which such district or the largest part in area is located, setting forth the facts of such refusal or neglect of duty on the part of such school directors. The court shall grant a rule upon the school directors, returnable in not less than ten or more than twenty days from the date of issue thereof, to show cause why they should not be removed from office..." [Sec. 318]

1320.5b "...If any person elected or appointed as school director, who has been notified of his election or appointment shall refuse or neglect to qualify as such director, within ten days next succeeding the beginning of his term of office, the remaining members of the board may declare his office as director vacant..." [Sec. 319]

1320.5c "...If any person having qualified as school director...shall neglect or refuse to attend two successive regular meetings of the school board... unless detained by sickness or prevented by necessary absence from the district, or if in attendance at any meetings, shall neglect or refuse to act in his official capacity as a school director, the remaining members of the board may declare his office as director vacant. His office shall be filled from the qualified electors of the district [Sec. 319]