

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION/PROPOSITIONS

The Education Law provides that school boards have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning the submission of petitions to the Board to place propositions on the ballot which may amend the budget. District residents wishing to bring propositions before the voters may submit them to the Board on a form prescribed by the board. These propositions may be rejected by the Board if:

1. the matter is not within the powers of the voters;
2. the expenditure of monies is required and an appropriation is not included; or
3. the minimum number of signatures is not met.

Pursuant to those provisions, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

1. Unless otherwise provided by the education Law, petitions for the submission of a proposition must contain a minimum of twenty five (25) signatures of qualified voters of the district, or five percent (5%) of the number of voters at the last annual election, whichever is greater.
2. Petitions must be presented to the District Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual election, except for petitions relating to a proposition which must be included in the notice of the annual meeting (e.g., changing the number of board members). Such petition must be submitted 60 days in advance of the annual election to facilitate the preparation and printing of the ballots.
3. Propositions must include the specific appropriations necessary for the purposes listed.
4. Wording of a petition must comply with legal requirements. If not, it may be changed or altered by the board, or the board may reject a petition for failure to comply.

Propositions received in accordance with these specifications will be placed on the ballot following approval by a majority of the Board as amendments and will be voted upon by the voters in the same manner as the proposed budget, except that the Board shall not be required to place any proposition on the ballot which is within the exclusive province of the Board, or otherwise forbidden by law. No proposition involving the budget may be submitted to the voters more than twice.

The Board may also, on its own motion, submit propositions.

Cross-ref: 2120, School Board Elections
 2120.1, Candidates and Campaigning
 6100, Annual Budget
 6120, Budget Hearing
 6130, Budget Adoption

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