

Election

Elections conducted by the District are non-partisan elections governed by the general election laws of the State and include the election of Board members, various public policy propositions and advisory questions.

Board elections shall be held on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in May of each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to become a trustee. Any (5-second class and third-class or H.S. 20-first class) qualified electors may nominate as many trustee candidates, as there are trustee positions subject to election at the ensuing election. The name of each person nominated for candidacy shall be submitted to the Clerk not less than forty (40) days before the regular school election day at which the person is to be a candidate. If there are different terms to be filled, the term for which each candidate is nominated shall also be indicated. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent on the 26th day before the election. The District may declare the election by acclamation no fewer than twenty-five (25) days before the election. If there are no contested seats and there is no other reason for the election, the trustees may give notice that an election will not be held. Notice of the cancellation must be given no later than fourteen (14) days before the election date. If the election is not held, the trustees shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and issue a "certificate of election" to each candidate.

Except in the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the election, a proposition requesting additional funding pursuant to § 20-9-353, MCA, may be submitted to the electors only once each calendar year - on the regular school election day.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual election
	§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification and nomination
	§ 20-3-324(4), MCA	Powers and duties
	§ 20-20-301, MCA	Qualifications of elector
	§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class elementary districts
	§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by acclamation – notice

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