

Bylaws of the Board

Terms of Office

The Board of Education shall consist of seven members whose terms of office shall be staggered so that as nearly as practicable, one-half of the members shall be elected in each even-numbered year at the statewide general election. (Elections Code 1302)

Seven authorized Board member areas have been designated within the boundaries of the Orange Unified School District. One Board member must reside within each of the seven established Board member areas. Board members shall be elected by the registered voters of the entire school district. Each candidate running for membership on the Governing Board must be a qualified elector.

The term of office for members elected in regular elections shall be four years, commencing on the second Friday in December following their election. (Education Code 5017)

A Board member may serve up to three terms. The term limits shall be lifetime term limits. A Board member may not return to office after serving the maximum number of terms.

Board members whose terms have expired shall continue to discharge the duties of the office until their successors have qualified by taking the oath of office. (Government Code 1302, 1360; Education Code 5017)

If a regularly scheduled Board election date is changed due to consolidation with a statewide or municipal general election, the term of incumbent Board members shall be extended to align with the next applicable election. (Elections Code 10404.5)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

5000-5033 Election of school district board members

35010 Control of district

35012 Board members; number, election and terms

35107 Eligibility ELECTIONS CODE

1302 Local elections, school district election

10400-10418 Consolidation of elections

14050-14057 California Voter Participation Rights Act

GOVERNMENT CODE

1302 Continuance in office until qualification of successor

1303 Exercising functions of office without having qualified

1360 Necessity of taking constitutional oath

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