SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION BACKGROUND

Background: The 2008 election was held as previously authorized by state law, with two Directors being elected to three-year terms. Under legislation passed by the 82nd General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor, the Board of Education was required to adopt a transition plan to change from annual elections for three-year terms to the election of directors in only the odd numbered years with all of the directors who would be elected in 2009 elected to four-year terms and resulting in as nearly as possible one-half of members of the board being elected biennially.

Under a transition plan approved by the Board of Education on June 9, 2008, the terms of office of two directors who were elected in 2007 for three-year terms were extended one year, to 2011. The terms of three directors who had been elected in 2006 and two directors to be elected in 2008 remained at three years, expiring in 2009 and 2011 respectively. Beginning in 2009, all elections are for terms of four years. The board secretary submitted this plan to the office of the state commissioner of elections upon its adoption.

Beginning in 2019, school board elections will take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years. Terms remain for four years.

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