Eligibility to Vote

A person shall be entitled to vote in any school district election and in all matters placed upon the official ballot, if such person:

- 1. is a citizen of the United States;
- 2. is at least eighteen years of age;
- 3. is a resident within the school district for a period of thirty days preceding the election at which such person offers to vote; and
- 4. has not been adjudged mentally incompetent or a convicted felon in any state of the United States or in a Federal District Court.
- 5. is listed on the current voter registration list(s) by having presented themselves personally on the designated registration day(s), or having previously registered and voted at any annual or special meeting or election during the four calendar years prior to the year in which such register is being prepared.

A failure to register does not mean that an individual is not a qualified voter, but rather that he/she is ineligible to vote at the particular district election. The Board of Education shall appoint a Board of Registration and shall designate the registration place and hours for district residents.

Each annual or special election or meeting shall have a presiding chairman appointed by the Board. Such chairman shall have the responsibility of properly handling any challenges to the qualification of any voter.

Voting

Voting machines shall be used for recording the votes on all elections, budget votes, and votes on special propositions. The only exception to the use of voting machines shall be an emergency situation whereby the machines are unavailable due to a mechanical failure or state or local law prohibiting their use. If this should arise, paper ballots will be used.

Each voting machine shall have at least one clerk appointed by the Board in attendance during all voting hours. It shall be the duty of each clerk to keep a poll list containing the names, signatures, and legal residence of each person before such person is permitted to vote.

Entering a voting machine with another person is prohibited, except upon request from a voter, in which case an election inspector shall be allowed to enter the voting machine with that voter for the sole purpose of assisting that person in the actual manipulation of the voting machine. The election inspector shall not advise or induce such voter to vote on any budget proposition or candidate, and the election inspector shall never reveal the vote(s) recorded by the voter to any other person at any time.

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