

Board Member Residency

A school director must remain a resident of the school district to be eligible to continue to serve as a school board member. If a director's residence changes to a place outside the district, the director must resign and his/her eligibility to serve ends.

If a director is required to live within a specific director area of the district in order to be elected or appointed to the school board, and the director's residence changes to a place outside the director area, but within the district, the director may continue to serve on the school board until the next regular school district election (the fall of odd numbered years). At that time, an election will be held to fill the board position for the director area in which the director no longer resides. If the change of residence occurs after the filing period for the regular school district election, but before the election, and the director is in the first two years of his/her term, he/she may continue to serve from a residence outside the director area, but within the district, until the end of the term he/she was elected to.

If a director's director area boundaries are redrawn during his/her term of office, the director may serve out the remainder of his/her term.

Cross References:

1114 - Board Member Resignation and Vacancy
1110 - Election
1105 - Electoral System

Legal References:

RCW 28A.343.340 When elected — Eligibility
RCW 28A.343.350 Residency
RCW 29A.04.151 Residence
RCW 29A.76.010 Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy
AGO 1975 No. 8 Vacancy upon voluntary change of residence out of director district (note modification by 1999 amendment codified as RCW 28A.343.350)

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