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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Elections

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7 Elections conducted by the District are nonpartisan and are governed by applicable election laws
8 as found in Titles 13 & 20 of the Montana Code Annotated. The ballot at such elections may
9 include candidates for trustee positions, various public policy propositions, and advisor
10 questions.

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12 Board elections shall take place on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in May of
13 each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to become a
14 trustee. Any (5 – second-class and third-class or H.S.; 20 – first-class) qualified electors may
15 nominate as many trustee candidates as there are trustee positions subject to election at the
16 ensuing election. The name of each person nominated for candidacy shall be submitted to the
17 District Clerk not less than forty (40) days before the regular school election day. If different
18 terms are to be filled, the term for which each candidate is nominated also shall be indicated.
19 Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate in a mail ballot election or for a trustee
20 position in a school board election shall file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the
21 twenty-sixth (26th) day before the election. If the number of candidates filing for vacant positions
22 or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of
23 positions to be elected, the trustees may give notice no later than twenty-five (25) days before the
24 election that a trustee election will not take place. If a trustee election is not held, the trustees
25 shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and shall issue a “certificate of election” to
26 each candidate.

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28 A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a statement of withdrawal to the
29 clerk of the district containing all information necessary to identify the candidate and the office
30 for which the candidate was nominated. The statement of withdrawal must be acknowledged by
31 the clerk of the district. A candidate may not withdraw less than thirty-eight (38) days before the
32 school election.

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34 In the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the funding
35 election, the district will be allowed to reschedule the election for a different day of the calendar
36 year.

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38 In years when the Legislature meets in regular session or in a special session that affects school
39 funding, the trustees may order the election on a date other than the regular school election day
40 in order for the electors to consider a proposition requesting additional funding under § 20-9-
41 353, MCA.

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4Legal Reference:

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21Policy History:

22Adopted on:

23Reviewed on:

24Revised on:

§ 13-10-211, MCA	Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual election
§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification, nomination and withdrawal
§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by acclamation – notice
§ 20-3-322, MCA	Meetings and quorum
§ 20-3-322(5), MCA	Meetings and quorum (unforeseen emergency definition)
§ 20-3-324(4), MCA	Powers and duties
§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class elementary district
§ 20-9-353, MCA	Additional financing for general fund – election for authorization to impose
§ 20-20-105, MCA	Regular school election day and special school elections – limitation – exception
§ 20-20-204, MCA	Election Notice
§ 20-20-301, MCA	Qualifications of elector