



Board of Directors – General Organization

Policy Title: School Board Vacancies Code 201.8

A vacancy occurs as provided by law, which includes but is not limited to when a board member dies, resigns or leaves office, or fails to reside in the school district or director district.

If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by board appointment within 30 days of the vacancy. The board shall publish notice stating their intention to fill the vacancy by appointment, but the electors of the school district have the right to file a petition within 14 days of the publication of notice requiring the vacancy be filled by a special election.

A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified at the next regular school election, unless there is an intervening special election for the school district, in which event a successor shall be elected at the intervening special election.

If the board is unable to fill a vacancy by appointment within 30 days after the vacancy occurs or if a valid petition is submitted, the board secretary will call a special election to be held no sooner than 60 days and not later than 70 days after the vacancy occurred. A board member elected at the special election shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term.

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Legal Reference (Code of Iowa): §§ 69; 277.29; 279; Good v Crouch, 397 NW2d 757 (Iowa 1986); Board of Directors of Grimes Independent SD v County Board of Public Instruction of Polk Co, 257 Iowa 106, 131 NW2d 802 (1965); Board of Directors of Menlo Consolidated SD v Blakesburg, 240 Iowa 910, 36 NW2d 751 (1949); 1944 Op Atty Gen 39
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