

1 Election

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3 Elections conducted by the District are nonpartisan and are governed by applicable election
4 laws as found in Titles 13 & 20 of the Montana Code Annotated. The ballot at such elections
5 may include candidates for trustee positions, various public policy propositions, and advisor
6 questions.
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8 Board elections shall take place on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in
9 May of each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to
10 become a trustee. A declaration of intent to be a candidate must be submitted to the District
11 Clerk at least forty (40) days before the regular school election day. If different terms are to be
12 filled, the term for the position for which the candidate is filing must also shall be indicated.
13 Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate for a trustee position shall file a
14 declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the ballot certification
15 deadline in 20-20-401. Any person seeking to become a write-in candidate in a mail ballot
16 election or for a trustee position in a school board election shall file a declaration of intent on
17 the twenty-sixth (26th) day before the election. If the number of candidates filing for vacant
18 positions or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the
19 number of positions to be elected, the trustees may give notice no later than thirty (30) days
20 before the election that a trustee election will not take place. If a trustee election is not held,
21 the trustees shall declare the candidates elected by acclamation and shall issue a “certificate of
22 election” to each candidate.
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24 A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a statement of withdrawal
25 to the clerk of the district containing all information necessary to identify the candidate and the
26 office for which the candidate filed. The statement of withdrawal must be acknowledged by
27 the clerk of the district. A candidate may not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. the day before the
28 ballot certification deadline in 20-20-401.
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30 In the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the funding
31 election, the district will be allowed to reschedule the election for a different day of the
32 calendar year.
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34 In years when the legislature meets in regular session or in a special session that affects
35 school funding, the trustees may order THE election on a date other than the regular school
36 Election Day in order for the electors to consider a proposition requesting additional funding
37 under 20-9-353.
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39	Legal Reference:	§ 13-10-211, MCA	Declaration of intent for write-in candidates
40		§ 20-20-204, MCA	Election Notice
41		§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual election
42		§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate qualification, nomination and
43			withdrawal
44		§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by acclamation – notice

