

# SB1523



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SB1523

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/9-12

from Ch. 122, par. 9-12

Amends the Elections Article of the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning ballot forms.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 9-12 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/9-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-12)

7 Sec. 9-12. Ballots for the ~~the~~ election of school officers  
8 shall be in one of the following forms:

9 (FORMAT 1

10 Ballot position for candidates shall be determined by the  
11 order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to Section  
12 9-11.1.

13 This format is used by Boards of School Directors. School  
14 Directors are elected at large.)

15 OFFICIAL BALLOT

16 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL

17 DIRECTORS TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

18 VOTE FOR . . . .

19 ( ) . . . . .

20 ( ) . . . . .

21 ( ) . . . . .

22 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL

1 DIRECTORS TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

2 VOTE FOR . . . .

3 ( ) . . . . .

4 ( ) . . . . .

5 ( ) . . . . .

6 (FORMAT 2

7 Ballot position for candidates shall be determined by the  
8 order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to Section  
9 9-11.1.

10 This format is used when school board members are elected  
11 at large. Membership on the school board is not restricted by  
12 area of residence.

13 Types of school districts generally using this format are:

14 Common school districts;

15 Community unit and community consolidated school districts  
16 formed on or after January 1, 1975;

17 Community unit school districts formed prior to January 1,  
18 1975 that elect board members at large and without restriction  
19 by area of residence within the district under subsection (c)  
20 of Section 11A-8 (now repealed);

21 Community unit, community consolidated and combined school  
22 districts in which more than 90% of the population is in one  
23 congressional township;

24 High school districts in which less than 15% of the taxable  
25 property is located in unincorporated territory; and unit

1 districts (OLD TYPE);

2 Combined school districts formed on or after July 1, 1983;

3 Combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983 and  
4 community consolidated school districts that elect board  
5 members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
6 within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7 (now  
7 repealed).)

8 OFFICIAL BALLOT

9 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

10 EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

11 VOTE FOR . . . .

12 ( ) .....

13 ( ) .....

14 ( ) .....

15 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

16 EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

17 VOTE FOR . . . .

18 ( ) .....

19 ( ) .....

20 ( ) .....

21 (FORMAT 3

22 Ballot position for incorporated and unincorporated areas  
23 shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery  
24 held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

25 This format is used by community unit, community

1 consolidated and combined school districts when the territory  
2 is less than 2 congressional townships, or 72 square miles, but  
3 consists of more than one congressional township, or 36 square  
4 miles, outside of the corporate limits of any city, village or  
5 incorporated town within the school district. The School Code  
6 requires that not more than 5 board members shall be selected  
7 from any city, village or incorporated town in the school  
8 district. At least two board members must reside in the  
9 unincorporated area of the school district.

10 Except for those community unit school districts formed  
11 before January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and  
12 without restriction by area of residence within the district  
13 under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 (now repealed) and except  
14 for combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983 and  
15 community consolidated school districts that elect board  
16 members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
17 within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7 (now  
18 repealed), this format applies to community unit and community  
19 consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975  
20 and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983.)

21 OFFICIAL BALLOT

22 Instructions to voter: The board of education shall be  
23 composed of members from both the incorporated and the  
24 unincorporated area; not more than 5 board members shall be  
25 selected from any city, village or incorporated town.

1 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, NOT MORE THAN  
2 .... MAY BE ELECTED FROM THE INCORPORATED AREAS.

3 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
4 TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
5 THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS  
6 IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE  
7 FULL TERMS.

8 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ....

9 ..... Area

10 ( ) .....

11 ( ) .....

12 ..... Area

13 ( ) .....

14 ( ) .....

15 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

16 TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

17 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ....

18 ..... Area

19 ( ) .....

20 ( ) .....

21 ..... Area

22 ( ) .....

23 ( ) .....

24 (FORMAT 4

25 Ballot position for township areas shall be determined by

1 the order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to  
2 Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

3 Except for those community unit school districts formed  
4 prior to January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and  
5 without restriction by area of residence within the district  
6 under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 (now repealed) and except  
7 for those combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983  
8 and community consolidated school districts that elect board  
9 members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
10 within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7 (now  
11 repealed), this format applies to community unit and community  
12 consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975  
13 and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983 when  
14 the territory of the school district is greater than 2  
15 congressional townships, or 72 square miles. This format  
16 applies only when less than 75% of the population is in one  
17 congressional township. Congressional townships of less than  
18 100 inhabitants shall not be considered for the purpose of such  
19 mandatory board representation. In this case, not more than 3  
20 board members may be selected from any one congressional  
21 township.)

22 OFFICIAL BALLOT

23 Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education  
24 is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional  
25 township.

1 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE  
2 ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL  
3 TOWNSHIP.

4 NOT MORE THAN .... MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP .... RANGE  
5 .....

6 NOT MORE THAN .... MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP .... RANGE  
7 .....

8 NOT MORE THAN .... MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP .... RANGE  
9 .....

10 (Include each remaining congressional township in district  
11 as needed)

12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
13 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
14 THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS  
15 IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE  
16 FULL TERMS.

17 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF .....

18 Township ..... Range .....

19 ( ) .....

20 ( ) .....

21 Township ..... Range .....

22 ( ) .....

23 ( ) .....

24 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
25 EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

26 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF .....



1 Township ..... Range .....

2 ( ) .....

3 ( ) .....

4 Township ..... Range .....

5 ( ) .....

6 ( ) .....

7 (FORMAT 5

8 Ballot position for township areas shall be determined by  
9 the order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to  
10 Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

11 Except for those community unit school districts formed  
12 before January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and  
13 without restriction by area of residence within the district  
14 under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 (now repealed) and except  
15 for those combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983  
16 and community consolidated school districts that elect board  
17 members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
18 within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7 (now  
19 repealed), this format is used by community unit and community  
20 consolidated school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975,  
21 and combined school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983,  
22 when the territory of the school district is greater than 2  
23 congressional townships, or 72 square miles and when at least  
24 75%, but not more than 90%, of the population resides in one  
25 congressional township. In this case, 4 school board members

1 shall be selected from that one congressional township and the  
 2 3 remaining board members shall be selected from the rest of  
 3 the district. If a school district from which school board  
 4 members are to be selected is located in a county under  
 5 township organization and if the surveyed boundaries of a  
 6 congressional township from which one or more of those school  
 7 board members is to be selected, as described by township  
 8 number and range, are coterminous with the boundaries of the  
 9 township as identified by the township name assigned to it as a  
 10 political subdivision of the State, then that township may be  
 11 referred to on the ballot by both its township name and by  
 12 township number and range.)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

14 Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education  
 15 is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that  
 16 has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3  
 17 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the  
 18 school district.

19 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE  
 20 ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL  
 21 TOWNSHIP.

22 FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

23 TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

24 FROM (name)..... TOWNSHIP ..... RANGE .....

25 VOTE FOR ONE

1 ( ).....

2 ( ).....

3 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

4 TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

5 VOTE FOR ....

6 ..... shall be elected from (name)..... Township ..... Range  
7 .....

8 (name)..... TOWNSHIP ..... RANGE .....

9 ( ) .....

10 ( ) .....

11 VOTE FOR ....

12 ..... board members shall be elected from the remaining  
13 congressional townships.

14 The Remaining Congressional Townships

15 ( ) .....

16 ( ) .....

17 (FORMAT 6

18 Ballot position for candidates shall be determined by the  
19 order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to Section  
20 9-11.1.

21 This format is used by school districts in which voters  
22 have approved a referendum to elect school board members by  
23 school board district. The school district is then divided into  
24 7 school board districts, each of which elects one member to  
25 the board of education.)

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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
DISTRICT ..... (1 through 7)  
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR ONE  
( ) .....  
( ) .....  
( ) .....

(-OR-)

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
DISTRICT ..... (1 through 7)  
FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
A FULL 4-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR ONE  
( ) .....  
( ) .....  
( ) .....

REVERSE SIDE:

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
DISTRICT ..... (1 through 7)  
(Precinct name or number)  
School District No. ...., ..... County, Illinois  
Election Tuesday (insert date)  
(facsimile signature of Election Authority)  
(County)

1 (FORMAT 7

2 Ballot position for incorporated and unincorporated areas  
3 shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery  
4 held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

5 This format is used by high school districts if more than  
6 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property is located in the  
7 unincorporated territory of the school district. In this case,  
8 at least one board member shall be a resident of the  
9 unincorporated territory.)

10 OFFICIAL BALLOT

11 Instructions to voter: More than 15% but less than 30% of  
12 the taxable property of this high school district is located in  
13 the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at  
14 least one board member shall be a resident of the  
15 unincorporated areas.

16 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST ONE  
17 MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

18 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

19 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

20 THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS  
21 IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE  
22 FULL TERMS.

23 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF . . . .

24 . . . . . Area

25 ( ) . . . . .

1 ( ) .....

2 ..... Area

3 ( ) .....

4 ( ) .....

5 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

6 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

7 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF .....

8 ..... Area

9 ( ) .....

10 ( ) .....

11 ..... Area

12 ( ) .....

13 ( ) .....

14 (FORMAT 7a

15 Ballot position for candidates shall be determined by the  
16 order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to Sections  
17 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

18 This format is used by high school districts if more than  
19 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property is located in the  
20 unincorporated territory of the school district and on the  
21 basis of existing board membership no board member is required  
22 to be elected from the unincorporated area.)

23 OFFICIAL BALLOT

24 Instruction to voter: More than 15% but less than 30% of  
25 the taxable property of this high school district is located in

1 the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at  
2 least one board member shall be a resident of the  
3 unincorporated areas.

4 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE  
5 ELECTED FROM ANY AREA OR AREAS.

6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

7 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

8 VOTE FOR . . . .

9 ( ) . . . . .

10 ( ) . . . . .

11 ( ) . . . . .

12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

13 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

14 VOTE FOR . . . .

15 ( ) . . . . .

16 ( ) . . . . .

17 ( ) . . . . .

18 (FORMAT 8

19 Ballot position for incorporated and unincorporated areas  
20 shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery  
21 held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

22 This format is used by high school districts if more than  
23 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated  
24 territory of the school district. In this case, at least two

1 board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
2 territory.)

3 OFFICIAL BALLOT

4 Instructions to voters: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the  
5 taxable property of this high school district is located in the  
6 unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least  
7 two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
8 territory.

9 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST 2  
10 MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

12 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

13 THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS  
14 IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE  
15 FULL TERMS.

16 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF .....

17 ..... Area

18 ( ) .....

19 ( ) .....

20 ..... Area

21 ( ) .....

22 ( ) .....

23 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

24 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

25 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF .....



1 ..... Area  
 2 ( ) .....  
 3 ( ) .....  
 4 ..... Area  
 5 ( ) .....  
 6 ( ) .....

7 (FORMAT 8a

8 Ballot position for incorporated and unincorporated areas  
9 shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery  
10 held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

11 This format is used by high school districts if more than  
12 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated  
13 territory of the school district. In this case, at least two  
14 board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
15 territory.)

16 OFFICIAL BALLOT

17 Instructions to voters: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the  
18 taxable property of this high school district is located in the  
19 unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least  
20 two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
21 territory.

22 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, AT LEAST ONE  
23 MEMBER SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.

24 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

1 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM  
 2 THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS  
 3 IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE  
 4 FULL TERMS.

5 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ....

6 ..... Area  
 7 ( ) .....

8 ( ) .....

9 ..... Area  
 10 ( ) .....

11 ( ) .....

12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

13 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

14 VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ....

15 ..... Area  
 16 ( ) .....

17 ( ) .....

18 ..... Area  
 19 ( ) .....

20 ( ) .....

21 (FORMAT 8b

22 Ballot position for incorporated and unincorporated areas  
 23 shall be determined by the order of petition filing or lottery  
 24 held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

25 This format is used by high school districts if more than

1 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated  
 2 territory of the school district. In this case, at least two  
 3 board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
 4 territory.)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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 6 Instructions to voters: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the  
 7 taxable property of this high school district is located in the  
 8 unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least  
 9 two board members shall be residents of the unincorporated  
 10 territory.

11 ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE  
 12 ELECTED FROM ANY AREA OR AREAS.

13 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
 14 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

- 16 ( ) . . . . .
- 17 ( ) . . . . .
- 18 ( ) . . . . .
- 19 ( ) . . . . .

20 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
 21 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

- 23 ( ) . . . . .
- 24 ( ) . . . . .
- 25 ( ) . . . . .

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2 (Source: P.A. 93-706, eff. 7-9-04; 93-1079, eff. 1-21-05;

3 94-1019, eff. 7-10-06.)