



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/9-12

from Ch. 122, par. 9-12

Amends the School Code. Changes certain formats used to elect school board members. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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 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 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

18 VOTE FOR . . . .

19 ( ) . . . . .

20 ( ) . . . . .

21 ( ) . . . . .

22 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL  
23 DIRECTORS TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

24 VOTE FOR . . . .

25 ( ) . . . . .

26 ( ) . . . . .

27 ( ) . . . . .

28 (FORMAT 2

29 Ballot position for candidates shall be determined by the  
30 order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to Section

1 9-11.1.

2 This format is used when school board members are elected  
3 at large. Membership on the school board is not restricted by  
4 area of residence.

5 Types of school districts generally using this format are:

6 Common school districts;

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

9 Community unit school districts formed prior to January 1,  
10 1975 that elect board members at large and without restriction  
11 by area of residence within the district under subsection (c)  
12 of Section 11A-8;

13 Community unit, community consolidated and combined school  
14 districts in which more than 90% of the population is in one  
15 congressional township;

16 High school districts in which less than 15% of the taxable  
17 property is located in unincorporated territory; and unit  
18 districts (OLD TYPE);

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

20 Combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983 and  
21 community consolidated school districts that elect board  
22 members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
23 within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7.)

24 OFFICIAL BALLOT

25 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

26 EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

27 VOTE FOR . . . .

28 ( ) .....

29 ( ) .....

30 ( ) .....

31 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

32 EDUCATION TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

33 VOTE FOR . . . .

34 ( ) .....

35 ( ) .....

36 ( ) .....

1 (FORMATS 2a and 2b

2 Ballot position for at large candidates shall be determined  
3 by the order of petition filing or lottery held pursuant to  
4 Section 9-11.1 and ballot position for candidates grouped by  
5 "affected school district", as that term is defined in Section  
6 9-11.2, shall be determined by order of petition filing or  
7 lottery held pursuant to Sections 9-11.1 and 9-11.2.

8 Format 2a is used only in electing, to unstaggered terms  
9 expiring on the date of the regular school election held in  
10 calendar year 2001, the initial 7 members of the board of  
11 education of a combined school district that is established as  
12 provided in subsection (a-5) of Section 11B-7, and Format 2b is  
13 used only in electing, when required under Section 10-10, a  
14 successor to serve the remainder of the unstaggered, unexpired  
15 term of any such initial board member in whose office a vacancy  
16 has occurred.)

17 Format 2a:

18 OFFICIAL BALLOT  
19 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
20 TO SERVE A FULL TERM EXPIRING ON  
21 (Insert date of regular school election in 2001)

22 Instructions to voter: One member of the board of education  
23 is to be elected at large from within the territory included  
24 within the boundaries of (insert name of the combined school  
25 district as proposed or formed), 3 members are to be elected  
26 from the territory included within the boundaries of (former)  
27 Elementary School District No. ...., and 3 members are to be  
28 elected from the territory included within the boundaries of  
29 (former) Elementary School District No. ....

30 FOR THE MEMBER  
31 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
32 TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE

1 VOTE FOR ONE  
 2 ( ) .....  
 3 ( ) .....

4 FOR MEMBERS OF  
 5 THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 6 TO BE ELECTED FROM  
 7 (FORMER) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ....

8 VOTE FOR THREE  
 9 ( ) .....  
 10 ( ) .....  
 11 ( ) .....  
 12 ( ) .....

13 FOR MEMBERS OF  
 14 THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 15 TO BE ELECTED FROM  
 16 (FORMER) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ....

17 VOTE FOR THREE  
 18 ( ) .....  
 19 ( ) .....  
 20 ( ) .....  
 21 ( ) .....

22 Format 2b:

23 OFFICIAL BALLOT  
 24 FOR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 25 TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE  
 26 TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON  
 27 (Insert date of regular school election in 2001)

28 VOTE FOR ONE  
 29 ( ) .....  
 30 ( ) .....

31 FOR MEMBERS (A MEMBER)

1                                   OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 2                                   TO BE ELECTED FROM  
 3                   FORMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ....  
 4                   TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON  
 5           (Insert date of regular school election in 2001)  
 6                                   VOTE FOR ....  
 7                   ( ) .....  
 8                   ( ) .....

9                                   FOR MEMBERS (A MEMBER)  
 10                                  OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 11                                  TO BE ELECTED FROM  
 12                   FORMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ....  
 13                   TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING ON  
 14           (Insert date of regular school election in 2001)  
 15                                   VOTE FOR ....  
 16                   ( ) .....  
 17                   ( ) .....

18 (FORMAT 3

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 community unit, community  
 23 consolidated and combined school districts when the territory  
 24 is less than 2 congressional townships, or 72 square miles, but  
 25 consists of more than one congressional township, or 36 square  
 26 miles, outside of the corporate limits of any city, village or  
 27 incorporated town within the school district. The School Code  
 28 requires that not more than 5 board members shall be selected  
 29 from any city, village or incorporated town in the school  
 30 district. At least two board members must reside in the  
 31 unincorporated area of the school district.

32         Except for those community unit school districts formed  
 33 before January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and  
 34 without restriction by area of residence within the district

1 under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 and except for combined  
 2 school districts formed before July 1, 1983 and community  
 3 consolidated school districts that elect board members at large  
 4 and without restriction by area of residence within the  
 5 district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7, this format  
 6 applies to community unit and community consolidated school  
 7 districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 and combined school  
 8 districts formed prior to July 1, 1983.)

9 OFFICIAL BALLOT

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

14 On the basis of existing board membership, not more than  
 15 .... may be elected from the incorporated areas.

16 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

17 TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

18 VOTE FOR ....

19 ..... Area

20 ( ) .....

21 ( ) .....

22 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

23 TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

24 VOTE FOR ....

25 ..... Area

26 ( ) .....

27 ( ) .....

28 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

29 TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

30 VOTE FOR ....

31 ..... Area

32 ( ) .....

33 ( ) .....

34 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

35 TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

36 VOTE FOR ....

1           ..... Area  
 2           ( ) .....  
 3           ( ) .....

4 (FORMAT 4

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

8           Except for those community unit school districts formed  
 9           prior to January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and  
 10          without restriction by area of residence within the district  
 11          under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 and except for those  
 12          combined school districts formed before July 1, 1983 and  
 13          community consolidated school districts that elect board  
 14          members at large and without restriction by area of residence  
 15          within the district under subsection (c) of Section 11B-7, this  
 16          format applies to community unit and community consolidated  
 17          school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975 and combined  
 18          school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983 when the  
 19          territory of the school district is greater than 2  
 20          congressional townships, or 72 square miles. This format  
 21          applies only when less than 75% of the population is in one  
 22          congressional township. Congressional townships of less than  
 23          100 inhabitants shall not be considered for the purpose of such  
 24          mandatory board representation. In this case, not more than 3  
 25          board members may be selected from any one congressional  
 26          township.)

27                                   OFFICIAL BALLOT

28          Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education  
 29          is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional  
 30          township. On the basis of existing board membership, members  
 31          may be elected in the following numbers from each congressional  
 32          township.

33          Not more than .... may be elected from Township .... Range  
 34          ....

35          Not more than .... may be elected from Township .... Range



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2 Not more than . . . . may be elected from Township . . . . Range

3 . . . .

4 (Include each remaining congressional township in district  
5 as needed)

6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
7 EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

8 VOTE FOR . . . .

9 Township . . . . . Range . . . . .

10 ( ) . . . . .

11 ( ) . . . . .

12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
13 EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

14 VOTE FOR . . . .

15 Township . . . . . Range . . . . .

16 ( ) . . . . .

17 ( ) . . . . .

18 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
19 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

20 VOTE FOR . . . .

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

22 ( ) . . . . .

23 ( ) . . . . .

24 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE  
25 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

26 VOTE FOR . . . .

27 Township . . . . . Range . . . . .

28 ( ) . . . . .

29 ( ) . . . . .

30 (FORMAT 5

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

34 Except for those community unit school districts formed  
35 before January 1, 1975 that elect board members at large and

1 without restriction by area of residence within the district  
 2 under subsection (c) of Section 11A-8 and except for those  
 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, this  
 7 format is used by community unit and community consolidated  
 8 school districts formed prior to January 1, 1975, and combined  
 9 school districts formed prior to July 1, 1983, when the  
 10 territory of the school district is greater than 2  
 11 congressional townships, or 72 square miles and when at least  
 12 75%, but not more than 90%, of the population resides in one  
 13 congressional township. In this case, 4 school board members  
 14 shall be selected from that one congressional township and the  
 15 3 remaining board members shall be selected from the rest of  
 16 the district. If a school district from which school board  
 17 members are to be selected is located in a county under  
 18 township organization and if the surveyed boundaries of a  
 19 congressional township from which one or more of those school  
 20 board members is to be selected, as described by township  
 21 number and range, are coterminous with the boundaries of the  
 22 township as identified by the township name assigned to it as a  
 23 political subdivision of the State, then that township may be  
 24 referred to on the ballot by both its township name and by  
 25 township number and range.)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

26  
 27 Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education  
 28 is to consist of 4 members from the congressional township that  
 29 has at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population, and 3  
 30 board members from the remaining congressional townships in the  
 31 school district. On the basis of existing board membership,  
 32 members may be elected in the following numbers from each  
 33 congressional township.

FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

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

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VOTE FOR ONE

( ) .....

( ) .....

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ....

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

~~.....; ..... board members shall be elected from the remaining  
congressional townships.~~

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

( ) .....

( ) .....

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

The Remaining Congressional Townships

( ) .....

( ) .....

(FORMAT 6

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DISTRICT ..... (1 through 7)

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR ONE

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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  
( ) .....  
( ) .....  
( ) .....

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)

(FORMAT 7

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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

On the basis of existing board membership, at least one member shall be elected from the unincorporated area.

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

1 VOTE FOR . . . .

2 . . . . . Area

3 ( ) . . . . .

4 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

8 . . . . . Area

9 ( ) . . . . .

10 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

14 . . . . . Area

15 ( ) . . . . .

16 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

20 . . . . . Area

21 ( ) . . . . .

22 ( ) . . . . .

(FORMAT 7a

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instruction to voter: More than 15% but less than 30% of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at

1 least one board member shall be a resident of the  
2 unincorporated areas.

3 On the basis of existing board membership, members may be  
4 elected from any area or areas.

5 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

6 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

7 VOTE FOR ....

8 ( ) .....

9 ( ) .....

10 ( ) .....

11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

12 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

13 VOTE FOR ....

14 ( ) .....

15 ( ) .....

16 ( ) .....

17 (FORMAT 8

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

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

26 OFFICIAL BALLOT

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

32 On the basis of existing board membership at least 2  
33 members shall be elected from the unincorporated area.

34 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

35 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

1 VOTE FOR . . . .

2 . . . . . Area

3 ( ) . . . . .

4 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

8 . . . . . Area

9 ( ) . . . . .

10 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

14 . . . . . Area

15 ( ) . . . . .

16 ( ) . . . . .

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR . . . .

20 . . . . . Area

21 ( ) . . . . .

22 ( ) . . . . .

(FORMAT 8a

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

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to voters: Thirty percent (30%) or more of the taxable property of this high school district is located in the unincorporated territory of the district, therefore, at least

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

3 On the basis of existing board membership at least one  
4 member shall be elected from the unincorporated area.

5 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

6 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

7 VOTE FOR ....

8 ..... Area

9 ( ) .....

10 ( ) .....

11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

12 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

13 VOTE FOR ....

14 ..... Area

15 ( ) .....

16 ( ) .....

17 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

18 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

19 VOTE FOR ....

20 ..... Area

21 ( ) .....

22 ( ) .....

23 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

24 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

25 VOTE FOR ....

26 ..... Area

27 ( ) .....

28 ( ) .....

29 (FORMAT 8b

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

33 This format is used by high school districts if more than  
34 30% of the taxable property is located in the unincorporated  
35 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, members may be  
10 elected from any area or areas.

11 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

12 A FULL 4-YEAR TERM

13 VOTE FOR . . . .

- 14 ( ) . . . . .
- 15 ( ) . . . . .
- 16 ( ) . . . . .
- 17 ( ) . . . . .

18 FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE

19 AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM

20 VOTE FOR . . . .

- 21 ( ) . . . . .
- 22 ( ) . . . . .
- 23 ( ) . . . . .
- 24 ( ) . . . . .

25 (Source: P.A. 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-459, eff. 8-17-97; 91-357,  
26 eff. 7-29-99.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
28 becoming law.