

## **KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **BOARD BYLAWS**

#### **ELECTIONS**

Timing of Elections and Assumption of Office. Elections to fill the offices of members of the Kern County Board of Education are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. In the event of a tie in a county board member election, it shall be the policy of the County Board to determine the winner of the election by lot.

Members shall take office on the second Friday in December following their election. Prior to assuming the duties of office, the board member shall take and subscribe to the oath of affirmation.

Cost of Written Candidate Statements. To help defray the costs of campaigning, on behalf of the County Board the Kern County Superintendent of Schools shall pay the costs of printing, handling, translating, mailing, and/or electronically distributing candidate statements filed pursuant to Elections Code section 13307. Candidate statements shall be limited to no more than 200 words.

Board Vacancies. When any vacancy exists on the County Board, it shall be filled in the manner prescribed in Article 3 (commencing with section 5090) of Chapter 1 of Part 4 of the Education Code.

Board Member Qualifications. Any person other than the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, an employee of the Office of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, or an employee of a school district or charter school within the jurisdiction of the County Board is eligible to be a member of the County Board if that person is an elector of the trustee area to be represented and is not legally disqualified from holding civil office. (Education Code sections 1000, 1006)

Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving giving, accepting, or offering a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime under California law, or the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or be elected as a county board member unless granted a pardon in accordance with law. (Elections Code section 20)

Legal Reference:

Education Code  
1007, 1008, 5090 et seq.  
Elections Code  
1302, 13307