Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term: **Board Members Legal Status**	Descriptor Code: **1.102**	Issued Date: **08/01/22**
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The legal status of board members shall be as follows:[1]

NUMBER[1]

The Board is composed of seven (7) members. One member shall be elected from each school district, each school district being composed of one (1) County Commission district.

QUALIFICATIONS

Members of the Board shall be residents elected from districts of substantially equal population and shall be citizens of recognized integrity, intelligence, and ability to administer the duties of the office.[1,2] To qualify as a candidate, an individual must show proof of:

1. ~~Graduation from high school or receipt of a GED or HiSET~~ Graduation from high school or receipt of a high school equivalency credential approved by the State Board of Education;[2] and

2. Being a qualified voter and resident in the county for one (1) year prior to the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate.[4]

Members of the county legislative body and other county governmental officials shall not be eligible for election as members of the county Board of Education.[5]

TERMS OF OFFICE

Members of the Board shall serve four (4) year terms.[1]

METHOD OF ELECTION

Members of the Board shall be elected by qualified voters of Hickman County at the August election.

VACANCIES

Vacancies shall be declared to exist on account of death, resignation, removal from the district which elected him, removal from the school system or through due process proceedings.[6]

When a vacancy occurs, the unexpired term shall be filled at the next regular or special meeting of the County Commission.[7] Such appointment shall continue until the next regular election.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-2-201(a)(1)
2. TCA 49-2-202(a)(4); Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 114
3. Public Acts of 2022, Chapter No. 809
4. TCA 49-2-202(a)(2)
5. TCA 8-47-101; TCA 49-1-611; TCA 49-2-202(e)(2); Tenn. Att'y Gen. Op. No. 21-14 (September 1, 2021)
6. TCA 49-2-202(e)(1)