

5 Board Member Elections and Reapportionment Redistricting
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Term

The term of office for an elected member shall be four years, except as required because of redistricting as set forth below, and begins on the first Monday in January following the election.

Candidacy

An individual may become a candidate for election to the Board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk and paying the fee as required in Utah Code. The deadline for filing is determined by the Utah State Legislature. Please contact the Utah County Elections Office for the current filing deadlines and the most updated state code related to candidacy.

Elections

No more than five (5) four (4) members may be elected to the board in any election, unless otherwise required as a consequence of reapportionment redistricting, as set forth below, or to fill a vacancy by election or to fill a vacancy by election under Policy 1103.

Reapportionment Redistricting does not cut short board member terms

Reapportionment Redistricting does not affect the right of any school board member to complete the term for which the member was elected, except as may be required for redistricting following creation of a new school district.

Representation of school board districts after reapportionment redistricting

 1. If after reapportionment redistricting only one board member whose term extends beyond reapportionment redistricting lives within a reapportioned school board district, that board member shall represent that school board district.

- 2. If after reapportionment redistricting, two or more members whose terms extend beyond reapportionment redistricting live within a reapportioned school board district, the members involved shall select one member by lot to represent that school board district.
 - a. The other members shall serve at-large for the remainder of their terms.
 - b. Notwithstanding the number of board members otherwise established by law, the at-large board members shall serve in addition to the designated number of board members for the board in question for the remainder of their terms. The Provo City School Board is composed of seven members. However, the at-large board members will serve in addition to these seven members for the remainder of their terms, regardless of the number of board members specified by law.[1]
- 3. If after reapportionment redistricting there is no board member living within a school board district whose term extends beyond reapportionment redistricting, the seat for that school board district shall be treated as vacant and filled as provided in Policy 1103.

Adjustment of term lengths because of redistricting

If, before an election affected by reapportionment redistricting, the county or municipal legislative body that conducted the reapportionment redistricting determines that one or more members must be elected to terms of two years to meet this part's requirements for staggered terms, the legislative body shall determine by lot which of the reapportioned local school board districts will elect members to two-year terms and which will elect members to four-year terms. All subsequent elections are for four-year terms.

Legal References:

Utah Code § 20A-14-203(1) (1995)
Utah Code § 20A-14-203(2) (1995)
Utah Code § 20A-14-202(1)(g) (2003)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(3)(a) (2005)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(3)(b) (2005)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(4) (2005)
Utah Code § 20A-14-202(1)(h) (2022)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(5) (2024)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(6) (2024)
Utah Code § 20A-14-201(7) (2024)

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