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## Election Law Proposals for 2020

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The following is a brief description of the State Board of Elections' legislative proposals to address the administration of elections for 2020.

- SBOE 20-01 **Conform Registration Procedures To Modern Reality:** Local registration dates back to an era when voters registered before each election event. In the modern era or online voter registration, these provisions serve no continued utility.
- SBOE 20-02 **Amendments to Clarify Time Off to Vote:** Creates entitlement for up to three hours to vote without loss of pay if a voter does not have sufficient time to vote on Election Day.
- SBOE 20-03 **Relates to LLC Attribution Statement:** Requires LLC ownership attribution statement to be filed within week of the first LLC contribution.
- SBOE 20-04 **Election Day Start Time for Poll Workers:** Requires poll workers to arrive at the poll site one (as opposed to ½) hour prior to the opening of the polls on Election Day.
- SBOE 20-05 **Publication of Election Results:** Eliminate the outdated and costly requirement that certified election results be printed in certain legal ads.
- SBOE 20-06 **Publication by Advertising Website Notice:** Provides newspaper advertising requirements are satisfied by publishing description of notice and where to find the notice on the board of elections' website, provided the board of elections upon request would provide the information by mail or other means.
- SBOE 20-07 **Authorizes Election District Increase to Two Thousand Voters and Permits Parties to Apportion Any Number of Committeepersons:** Election districts allowed to have 2,000 voters, and party committees decide the number of, and how to apportion, members of county committees to avoid any loss of membership.

- SBOE 20-08 **Clarification of Local Proposition Filing Requirements:** Clarifies state board of elections does not approve local proposition abstracts, and requires filing of local propositions earlier to ensure orderly inclusion on the ballot.
- SBOE 20-09 **Multiple Vacancies For Same Office:** Provides that when an office is on the ballot to fill both a vacancy for the remainder of the current year as well as a new term, the office will appear only once on the primary ballot and general election ballot.
- SBOE 20-10 **Election Day Non Instruction Day at Schools:** To make schools more accessible as polling sites, provides that schools will not schedule regular instruction on the day of the general election.
- SBOE 20-11 **Voting Systems Use:** Provides that boards of elections shall whenever possible make voting equipment available to municipalities conducting elections, and empowers boards to charge expenses to such municipalities.
- SBOE 20-12 **Village Caucuses Relating To Elections Held in November:** Clarifies statute to ensure there is no legal ambiguity as to the ability of parties to use caucuses in the same manner available to towns for the purpose of making village nominations.
- SBOE 20-13 **Training for New Election Officials:** Requires new election officials receive introductory training and an annual update not to exceed three hours.
- SBOE 20-14 **Clarify Town Caucus Voter Participant Cannot Sign Independent Nominating Petition:** Provides for filing of list of town caucus participants.
- SBOE 20-15 **Filing Exclusion For Under \$1,000 Expenditure in Small Jurisdictions To Include All Political Subdivisions With Population Under Ten Thousand.**
- SBOE 20-16 **Deficiency Notices By First Class Mail Instead of Certified Mail:** Permits mailing deficiency notices under Election Law § 3-104-a by first class mail instead of by certified mail if an affidavit of mailing is created to evidence the mailing.
- SBOE 20-17 **Amends 14-116 to Clarify Inapplicability to Independent Expenditure Committees.** The current limitation on corporate contributions as applied to independent expenditures was held unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional application of this provision.

- SBOE 20-18 **Repeal Individual Aggregate Limits, Election Law 14-114 (8):** The current limitation on individual aggregate contributions was held unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional provision.
- SBOE 20-19 **Repeal Per Capita Party Spending Limit, Election Law 14-114 (5):** The current spending limit on certain party contributions is unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional provision.
- SBOE 20-20 **Change 72 Hour Filing Requirement For Convention Minutes to Three Days:** Conforms election law filing deadlines to all be measured in days.