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## Election Law Proposals for 2021

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

- SBOE 21-01 **Special Ballot For Election Day Health-Related Exigency:** Allows board of elections to issue a special ballot on Election Day for a person who is unable to go to the polls as a result of a health related exigency arising on or after the day before the election.
- SBOE 21-02 **Local Registration Repeal:** Local registration dates to an era when voters registered before each election event. In the modern era of expanded and permanent registration, these provisions serve no continued utility.
- SBOE 21-03 **Relates to LLC Attribution Statement:** Requires LLC ownership attribution statement to be filed within week of the first LLC contribution.
- SBOE 21-04 **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- SBOE 21-05 **Publication of Election Results:** Eliminate the outdated and costly requirement that certified election results be printed in certain legal ads.
- SBOE 21-06 **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 21-07 **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 21-08 **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 21-09 **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 21-10 **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 21-11 **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 21-12 **Training for New Election Officials:** Requires new election officials receive introductory training and an annual update not to exceed three hours.
- SBOE 21-13 **Clarify Town Caucus Voter Participant Cannot Sign Independent Nominating Petition:** Provides for filing of list of town caucus participants.
- SBOE 21-14 **Filing Exclusion For Under \$1,000 Expenditure in Small Jurisdictions To Include All Political Subdivisions With Population Under Ten Thousand.**
- SBOE 21-15 **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 21-16 **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 21-17 **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 21-18 **Change 72 Hour Filing Requirement For Convention Minutes to Three Days:** Conforms election law filing deadlines to all be measured in days.