

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

The Education Law provides boards of education with the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding submission of petitions to the Board for the placing of propositions on the ballot for the purpose of amending the budget. Pursuant to these provisions of the Education law, the board establishes the following specifications.

- I. Unless otherwise provided by the Education Law, petitions for submitting a proposition shall contain a minimum of 25 signatures of qualified voters of the district, or five percent (5%) of the number of voters at the last annual election, whichever is greater.
- II. Petitions for ballot propositions shall be presented to the District Clerk no later than 60 calendar days prior to the date of the annual meeting and election, in order to facilitate the preparation and printing of the ballot.
- III. Propositions shall include the specific appropriations necessary for the purpose or purposes stated.
- IV. Wording of a proposition must comply with legal requirements. If such is not the case, then the proposition may be altered or changed by the Board in order for it to comply with those requirements, or the Board may reject a proposition for failure to comply.
- V. Propositions received in accordance with these specifications shall be placed on the ballot as amendments, and shall be voted upon by the voters of the school district in the same manner as the proposed budget; except that the Board shall not be required to place any proposition on the ballot that deals with a matter within the exclusive authority of the Board, is not within the authority of the voters, or is otherwise prohibited by law.
- VI. The Board of Education may, on its own motion, submit propositions for consideration by the voters.

References:

Education Law Secs. 1716; 2002; 2008(2); 2004; 2013; 2017(5), (6);
2021; 2022(2); 2035(2)
Appeal of Leman, 32 Educ. Dept. Rep. 579 (1993)
Appeal of Sperl, 33 Educ. Dept. Rep. 388 (1994)
Appeal of Como, 30 Educ. Dept. Rep. 214 (1990)
Appeal of Osten, 35 Educ. Dept. Rep. 160 (1995)
Appeal of Brush, 34 Educ. Dept. Rep. 273 (1994)