

### SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The School Board derives its authority from the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, from the acts of the State Legislature, the electorate of the district and the regulations of the State Board of Education and State Board of Vocational Education.

As expressed in the law, the Board is the governing board of a school district, and is created for the purpose of organizing, maintaining, and locating schools and for providing educational opportunities and services for all citizens residing within the school district."

The Board will consist of five members, elected at large by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, Board members will hold office for terms of three years.

#### Legal References:

SDCL 13-6-13.1 (former school dist. Representation areas for consolidated districts)

SDCL 13-6-2 (Legislative Policy)

SDCL 13-8-1 (School board defined)

SDCL 13-8-2 (Composition and terms of office)

SDCL 13-8-3 (Petition to increase size of board)

SDCL 13-8-4 (Elections and terms of office after increase of size of board)

SDCL 13-8-5 (Waiting period after election on size of board)

SDCL 13-8-7.1 (School board member representation areas)

Policy AA (School district legal status)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-12/15/15

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