

PROPOSITIONS

The New York State Education Law provides that school boards have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations concerning the submission of petitions to the Board to place propositions on the ballot. Pursuant to those provisions, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

Individuals desiring to submit questions, propositions, or amendments to be placed on the ballot shall conform to the following requirements:

1. Unless otherwise provided by the Education Law, petitions for the submission of a proposition must contain a minimum of twenty-five (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.
2. Propositions which require the expenditures of monies must include the necessary specific dollar amount. Any proposition may be rejected by the Board if it fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.
3. Petitions for new propositions, which must be included in the advertised public notice of the annual meeting, shall be presented to the District Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting to facilitate the preparation and printing of the ballots.
4. All petitions shall contain clearly and concisely the proposition or question to be placed upon the voting machine, and is subject to revision as to length and form by the Board, while considering same for placement on the voting machine.
5. Amendments to propositions are to be filed with the district clerk no later than *forty-five (45) days* prior to the annual meeting and election and are to be supported by petitions containing the number of signatures set forth in paragraph "1".
6. Wording of a petition must comply with legal requirements. If not, it may be changed or altered by the Board, or the

Board may reject a petition for failure to comply.

Propositions or amended propositions received in accordance with these specifications will be placed on the ballot and will be voted upon by the voters in the same manner as the proposed budget, except that the Board shall not be required to place any proposition on the ballot which is within the exclusive province of the Board, or otherwise forbidden by law.

The Board may also, on its own motion, submit propositions. *These propositions shall be presented to the District Clerk at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting to facilitate the preparation and printing of the ballots.*

The Board shall determine the order in which the propositions shall appear upon the voting machines.

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