

Fact Sheet for running for the office of Craven County Board of Education

Qualifications/Requirements

- Candidates must be a qualified voter in NC who is 21 years of age
- Candidates must reside in the electoral district they seek to represent.
- Candidates before entering upon the duties of the office, shall take and subscribe to an oath of the office.
- Term of office is 4 years
- Candidates elected or appointed who are also employed by that board of education, shall resign employment before taking office as a member of that board of education.

Number of Board Members

The board consists of seven members and takes office in December.

Method of Selecting Members

Members are elected on a non-partisan basis from seven electoral districts by all the qualified voters in the county. In 1996, and every four years thereafter, one member is elected from each of Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7. In 1998, and every four years thereafter, one member is elected from each of Districts 2, 4, and 6. If when the filing period closes, there are more than two candidates in a district, there is a nonpartisan primary to narrow the field of candidates to two candidates per district. Only qualified voters residing in the district may vote in the nonpartisan primary for that district. If only one or two candidates file in a district, no primary shall be held. The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballots without reference to any party affiliation.

Filling Vacancies

Vacancies for positions elected on a nonpartisan basis are filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board, of a person to serve until the next election of members of such board, at which time the remaining unexpired term of the office in which the vacancy occurs shall be filled by election.

References

Session Laws-1995, Ch. 67 Sec. 1-5
Session Laws-1995, Ch. 67 Sec. 8
Session Laws-1967, Ch. 887
Session Laws-1975, Ch. 376
Session Laws-1983, Ch. 236
N.C.G.S. § 115C