

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACT OF 1966 (EXCERPT)
Act 331 of 1966

389.83 Board of trustees; election and terms of members; nomination of candidate for trustee; contents, requirements, and filing of nominating petitions; validity of signatures; limitation; commencement of term; qualifications of candidate; effect of ceasing residency in trustee district; vacancies; special elections.

Sec. 83. (1) A member of the board of trustees of a community college established under this chapter shall be elected for a term of 6 years unless he or she is elected to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term under subsection (5).

(2) A candidate for trustee shall be nominated at a nonpartisan primary election conducted under the Michigan election law. The nominating petitions must contain not less than 250 or more than 500 signatures of registered school electors of the appropriate trustee district and must be filed with the school district filing official for the community college district on or before 4 p.m. of the fifteenth Tuesday before the primary election. A signature on a nominating petition is not valid unless the petitioner is a registered school elector of the trustee district in which the candidate is running for election. The school district filing official may compare the signatures on the petitions with the signatures appearing on the registration records or in some other proper manner determine whether the signatures appearing on the petition are genuine and comply with the requirements of this section. Not more than 2 candidates shall be nominated at the primary election for each trustee district.

(3) Each of the 9 trustees shall commence his or her term of office on January 1 following his or her election.

(4) A candidate for the office of board member representing a trustee district or a person elected or appointed to fill a vacancy under subsection (5) must be 18 years of age or older at the time of his or her election or appointment and must be an elector residing in the trustee district in which the person becomes a candidate or that the person is appointed to represent. If a member representing a trustee district ceases to reside in the trustee district during the trustee's term of office, it is a vacating of office.

(5) If a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees, the vacancy must be filled from among electors of the trustee district by majority vote of the remaining board members. If a person is appointed to fill a vacancy in a trustee district for which the unexpired term is more than 1 year and 8 months, that person shall serve until January 1 following the next general election. At that next general election the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term. A vacancy must not be filled later than 60 days before a primary election at which voting district board members are to be nominated.

(6) Special elections may be called in the same manner as in chapters 1 and 2.

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