

Electoral System ~~DIRECTOR DISTRICTS~~

It is the responsibility of the ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors to establish the electoral system used for electing board members.

~~boundaries of the internal director districts of the school district, and to redistrict the director districts as necessary.~~

Authority under
RCW 28A.343.040

The ~~board~~Board of ~~directors~~Directors, with the assistance of the administration, the educational service district, the ~~state redistricting commission~~State Redistricting Commission, and consultants (e.g., attorneys, demographic experts, etc.) as appropriate, will prepare for the division or redistricting of the district into director districts ~~no later than~~within eight months ~~after~~of any of the following:

~~events:~~

1. ~~A.~~ A.—Receipt of federal decennial census data from the redistricting commission;
2. ~~B.~~ B.—Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts into one district;
3. ~~C.~~ C.—Transfer of territory to or from the district or dissolution and annexation of the district; or
4. ~~D.~~ D.—Approval by a majority of the district's registered voters of a proposition~~proposal~~ to divide the district into director districts pursuant to RCW 28A.343.030.

The districting or redistricting plan shall be ~~consistent with and~~ adopted according to the procedure established under ~~law~~RCW 29A.76.010.

Authority under Washington Voting Rights Act

The district will ensure that its voting system does not impair the ability of a protected class or classes, as defined by the Washington Voting Rights Act, to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class or classes.

To remedy a potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act, the district may change its electoral system, which may include, but is not limited to, implementing director districts.

Redistricting

~~The Redistricting plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:
The districts will be as nearly as possible equal in population;~~

- ~~A. The districts will be as compact as possible and consist of geographically contiguous area;~~
- ~~B. Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party; and~~
- ~~C. Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party; and~~
- ~~D. The districts will, to the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the district, coincide with natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.~~

~~During the adoption of its plan, the district shall ensure that full and reasonable public notice of its actions is provided. The district shall hold at least one public hearing on the redistricting plan at least one week before adoption of the plan.~~

~~Any registered voter residing in an area affected by the redistricting plan may request review of the adopted local plan by the superior court of the county in which he or she resides, within fifteen days of the plan's adoption. Any request for review must specify the reason or reasons alleged why the local plan is not consistent with the applicable redistricting criteria. The district may be joined as respondent. The superior court shall thereupon review the challenged plan for compliance with the applicable redistricting criteria.~~

~~If the superior court finds the plan to be consistent with the requirements of this section, the plan shall take effect immediately. If the superior court determines the plan does not meet the requirements of this section, in whole or in part, it shall remand the plan for further or corrective action within a specified and reasonable time period. If the superior court finds that any request for review is frivolous or has been filed solely for purposes of harassment or delay, it may impose appropriate sanctions on the party requesting review, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs to the respondent district.~~

~~Dissolution of Directors' Districts~~

~~Upon receipt by the educational service district superintendent of a resolution adopted by the board or a written petition signed by at least twenty percent of the registered voters of the district previously divided into directors' districts, which resolution or petition shall request dissolution of the existing directors' districts and reapportionment of the district into no fewer than three directors' districts and with no more than two directors at large, the superintendent, after formation of the question to be submitted to the voters, shall give notice thereof to the county auditor who shall call and hold a special election of the voters of the entire district to approve or reject such proposal, such election to be called, conducted and the returns canvassed as in regular district elections. If approval of a majority of those registered voters voting in said election is acquired, at the expiration of terms of the incumbent directors of the district their successors shall be elected in the manner approved.~~

Legal References

~~RCW 29A.76.010~~

Redistricting by counties, municipal corporation and special purpose districts

Legal References:

~~RCW 28A.343.030~~

RCW 28A.343.030
Certain Directors' districts in
certain school districts ~~___~~ -
Election to authorize
division in school districts

~~RCW 28A.343.040~~

not already divided into
~~directors'~~~~director~~ districts

RCW 28A.343.040
Division or redivision~~re-~~
~~division~~ of district into
director districts

~~RCW 28A.343.050~~

RCW 28A.343.050
Dissolution of directors'
districts

~~RCW 28A.315.195~~

RCW 28A.315.195 Transfer
of territory by petition —
—Requirements — —
Rules — Costs

RCW
28A.315.199
Transfer of
territory or
dissolution of
financially
insolvent
school district
by petition -
Notification to
affected
districts -
Mediation -
Request for
hearing -
Notification to
regional
committee -
Costs

RCW
28A.315.205
Transfer of
territory or
dissolution by
petition -
Regional
committee
responsibilities
- Rules -

Restructuring
First Class
Director
Districts

Appeals *Policy*
News, August
2008

Management Resources

[RCW 28A.315.215 Transfer of territory or annexation of financially insolvent district by agreement or order - Approval Order - Previously approved and imposed excess tax levies](#)

[RCW 29A.76.010 Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts](#)

[Chapter 44.05 RCW Washington State Redistricting Act](#)

Management Resources:

[2018 - May Issue](#)

[2015 - December Issue](#)

[2011 - June Issue](#)

[Policy News, August 2008 Restructuring First Class Director Districts](#)

[Washington State Redistricting Commission – <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/>](#)