**Note:** If the district is subject to a court order or other binding legal determination, the district shall conduct its elections in accordance with that court order or determination, applicable law, and this policy. To the extent of any conflict, the court order or other legal determination shall prevail. [See BBB(LOCAL)]

### Membership

The board consists of the number of members that the district had on September 1, 1995. *Education Code 11.051(b)*

**Note:** For information regarding increasing the number of board members from three or five to seven, see this policy code in the *TASB Policy Reference Manual* and *Education Code 11.051(c).*

### Terms

A trustee of a district serves a term of three or four years. Board policy must state the schedule on which specific terms expire. *Education Code 11.059(a), (d)*

### Uniform Election Dates

Each general or special election of board members shall be on one of the following dates:

1. The first Saturday in May.
2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

*Election Code 41.001(a)*

### Joint Elections Required

A district trustee election shall be held on the same date as:

1. The election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the district;
2. The general election for state and county officers, which is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years under *Election Code 41.002*;
3. The election for the members of the governing body of a hospital district, if the school district:
   - Is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of less than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than three million; and
   - Held its election for board members jointly with the election for the members of the governing body of the hospital district before May 2007; or
4. The election for the members of the governing board of a public junior college district in which the school district is wholly or partly located.

Elections held on the same date as provided above shall be held as a joint election under Election Code Chapter 271, and the voters shall be served by common polling places consistent with Election Code 271.003(b).

*Education Code 11.0581(a)–(c)*

A board may enter into an agreement with another political subdivision holding an election on the same day in all or part of the same county to hold the elections jointly. The terms of a joint election agreement must be stated in an order, resolution, or other official action adopted by the board. *Election Code 271.002*

The positions on the board shall be designated by number in any district in which the board by resolution orders that all candidates for trustee be voted on and elected separately for positions on the board and that all candidates be designated on the official ballot according to the number of the positions for which they seek election.

Not later than the 60th day before the date of an election, the board must make the resolution and number the positions on the board in the order in which the terms of office expire. Once a board has ordered the election of trustees by numbered positions, neither the board nor their successors may rescind the action.

*Education Code 11.058(c)–(f)*

Except as provided below, the board, on its own motion, may order that trustees of the district are to be elected from single-member districts or that not fewer than 70 percent of the members of the board are to be elected from single-member districts with the remaining board members to be elected from the district at large.

If a majority of the area of a district is located in a county with a population of less than 10,000, a board, on its own motion, may order that trustees of the district are to be elected from single-member districts or that not fewer than 50 percent of the members of the board are to be elected from single-member districts with the remaining board members to be elected from the district at large.

Before adopting an order, a board must:

1. Hold a public hearing at which registered voters of a district are given an opportunity to comment on whether or not they
favor the election of trustees in the manner proposed by the board; and

2. Publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper that has general circulation in the district, not later than the seventh day before the date of the hearing.

An order adopted by the board must be entered not later than the 120th day before the date of the first election at which all or some of the trustees are elected from single-member districts authorized by the order.

*Education Code 11.052(a)-(d)*

**By Voter Petition**

If at least 15 percent or 15,000 of the registered voters of the district, whichever is less, sign and present to the board a petition requesting submission to the voters of the proposition that trustees be elected in a specific manner, which must be generally described on the petition and which must be a manner of election the board could have ordered on its own motion, the board shall order that the appropriate proposition be placed on the ballot at the first regular election of trustees held after the 120th day after the date the petition is submitted to the board. The proposition must specify the number of trustees to be elected from single-member districts. Beginning with the first regular election of trustees held after an election at which a majority of the registered voters voting approve the proposition, trustees shall be elected in the manner prescribed by the approved proposition. *Education Code 11.052(e)*

**Board Member Districts**

If single-member districts are adopted or approved by either method described above, the board shall divide the district into the appropriate number of trustee districts, based on the number of members that are to be elected from single-member districts, and shall number each trustee district. The trustee districts must be compact and contiguous and must be as nearly as practicable of equal population. In a district with 150,000 or more students in average daily attendance, the boundary of a trustee district shall not cross a county election precinct boundary except at a point at which the district boundary crosses the county election precinct boundary. Trustee districts must be drawn not later than the 90th day before the date of the first election of trustees from those districts. *Education Code 11.052(f)*

**Residency for First Election**

Residents of each trustee district are entitled to elect one trustee to the board. A trustee elected to represent a trustee district at the first election of members must be a resident of the district the trustee represents not later than the 90th day after the date election returns are canvassed, or the 60th day after the date of a final judgment in an election contest filed concerning that trustee dis-
trict. A trustee vacates the office if the trustee fails to move into the
district the trustee represents within the time provided. [For more
information on residency, see BBA and BBC.] Education Code
11.052(g)

Number and Term

At the first election at which some or all of the trustees are elected
from single-member trustee districts and after each redistricting, all
positions on a board shall be filled. The trustees then elected shall
draw lots for staggered terms as provided by Education Code
11.059 (regarding terms). Education Code 11.052(h)

Phase-in Option

The board of a district that adopts a redistricting plan may provide
for the trustees in office when the plan is adopted or the district is
redistricted to serve for the remainder of their terms in accordance
with this provision. The trustee district and any at-large positions
provided by the district’s plan shall be filled as the staggered terms
of trustees then in office expire. Not later than the 90th day before
the date of the first election from trustee districts and after each
redistricting, a board shall determine the order in which the posi-
tions will be filled. Education Code 11.053

Boundary Change Notice

A district that changes its boundaries or the boundaries of districts
used to elect members to the board shall not later than the 30th
day after the date the change is adopted:

1. Notify the voter registrar of the county in which the area sub-
ject to the boundary change is located of the adopted bounda-
ry change; and

2. Provide the voter registrar with a map of an adopted boundary
change in a format that is compatible with the mapping format
used by the registrar’s office.

Election Code 42.0615

Methods of Voting—Options

Plurality

Except as otherwise provided at Majority, below, to be elected to a
public office, a candidate elected at large by position must receive
more votes than any other candidate for the office. Education Code
11.057(a); Election Code 2.001

Cumulative

The board of a district that elects its trustees at large by position
may order that elections for trustees be held using the cumulative
voting procedure described by Education Code 11.054. Education
Code 11.054(a)

Note: If the district adopts cumulative voting, the district’s
method of election will no longer be at large by position.
A district that adopts an order requiring the use of cumulative voting may not elect its members by position as provided by Education Code 11.058. *Education Code 11.054(g)*

**Majority**

The board of a district in which the positions of trustees are designated by number may provide by resolution, not later than the 180th day before the date of an election, that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for a position or in a trustee district, as applicable, to be elected.

The resolution is effective until rescinded by a subsequent resolution adopted not later than the 180th day before the date of the first election to which the rescission applies.

*Education Code 11.057(c)*