

2-624. Same; governing body, terms, filing fee, composition and election; vacancies; annual organization. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be composed of four representatives from each county included in the extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

(b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and qualified.

(c) (1) The election to elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by this act. Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in the manner as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-21a03, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

(3) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and amendments thereto.

(4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.

(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

(e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize annually in January by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

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