



HOUSE BILL 31: Rowan-Salisbury Board of Educ. Partisan.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 31 would change the election method for the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan and alter the process for filling vacancies on the Board, beginning in 2024.*

CURRENT LAW: The Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education consists of seven members, each representing a single-member residency district. The Board member filling the seat must reside in the district, but elections for all seven seats are county-wide. Board members are elected in non-partisan plurality elections and serve four-year staggered terms. The election takes place at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Candidates for the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education are required to file a notice of candidacy no earlier than noon on the sixteenth Friday and no later than noon on the twelfth Friday before the general election.

Members take office on the first Monday in December following their election, at which time their predecessor's term expires. Vacancies are filled by the remaining members of the Board, with the appointee serving until the next election of Board members, at which time the remaining unexpired term will be filled by election.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 31 would provide that, beginning in 2024, members of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education would be elected on a partisan basis.

Effective December 1, 2024, vacancies for positions on the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education elected on a partisan basis would be filled by the remaining Board members, provided the Board consults the relevant political party's local executive committee before filling a vacancy and appoints the local executive committee's nominee, if both of the following apply:

- The recommendation is made within 30 days after the seat becomes vacant.
- The county executive committee restricts voting to committee members who represent precincts wholly or partly within the appropriate territory.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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