

## Electoral System

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

### **Authority under RCW 28A.343.040**

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

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

The districting or redistricting plan shall be adopted according to the procedure established under 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.

### Legal References:

RCW 28A.343.030 Certain school districts — Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into directors' districts  
RCW 28A.343.040 Division or redivision of district into director districts  
RCW 28A.343.050 Dissolution of directors' districts  
RCW 28A.315.195 Transfer of territory by petition — Requirements — Rules  
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 - Appeals  
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

Laws of 2018, ch. 113, § 104 Washington Voting Rights 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/>

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