

CHAPTER II - ELECTIONS

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Section 2-1. State and Town Elections

Nomination and election of State officers, Judge of Probate, Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters shall be conducted as prescribed by the General Statutes and this Charter.

Nomination and election of Town Officers and elected members of Boards and Commissions as set forth in this Charter shall take place at the Regular Town Election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd numbered year.

The Registrars of Voters shall prepare lists of electors qualified to vote in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and the General Statutes.

Section 2-2. Eligibility for Office

Any person nominated, elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in an Elective Office shall, at the time thereof, be a qualified resident elector in the Town and any Elective Office shall be deemed to be vacant when the holder ceases to be a qualified resident elector, as so defined by the General Statutes.

Section 2-3. Voting Districts

There shall be five (5) voting districts as presently constituted and neither the number nor the boundaries thereof shall be changed except by Ordinance approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a Regular Town Election. No such change shall be made within one hundred eighty (180) days prior to an Election.

Section 2-4. Vacancies in Elective Offices

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall fill by appointment a vacancy in an Elective Town Office, except the Board of Education and the Board of Finance, within sixty (60) days from the time that the office became vacant, said appointment shall be for the unexpired portion of the term. The Boards of Education and Finance shall have the power to fill their own vacancies. In the event that a vacancy still exists after the passing of sixty (60) days on the Boards of Education and Finance, the Board of Selectmen shall be empowered to fill said vacancy.
- B. Whenever a person vacating an office shall have been elected as a member of a political party, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the same political party.
- C. Vacancies in the Board of Selectmen shall be filled in the manner prescribed in the General Statutes.

Section 2-5. Minority Representation

The maximum number of members or alternate members of any board, commission or committee, or similar body of the town, whether elected or appointed, who may be a member of the same political party shall accord with state statutes as follows:

Column 1

Column 2

Total Membership	Maximum from One Party
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5

9	6
More than 9	Two-thirds of total membership

Section 2-6. Breaking a Tie

When any Regular or Special Town Election, Primary Election or Referendum conducted pursuant to the provisions of this Charter results in a tie vote, an Adjourned Election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-332 of the General Statutes, as amended, to determine the election. If there should be another tie, the matter shall be determined by vote of the Board of Selectmen with the Town Clerk casting a tie-breaking vote if necessary.