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Nomination by Petition

A. Regular election

- (1) Candidates may be nominated by petition, signed by at least 10 members from at least five different district boards of education, and filed with the executive director at least 45 days prior to the regular election. No candidate may be nominated unless he or she has previously served one full term as a board member prior to his/her election to office. The written consent of the candidate for nomination must be filed with the executive director within the same time limit. This time limit shall be waived in the event of an emergency resignation of a candidate previously nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition.
- (2) The signatures need not all appear upon a single petition and any number of petitions may be filed on behalf of any candidate, but no petition shall contain the name of more than one candidate. No person who serves on the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition as a candidate for office at the forthcoming election.
- (3) Petitions may not be obtained or circulated prior to the Nominating Committee submitting its certified copy of its report to the executive director.
- (4) A report of all candidates nominated by petition shall be submitted to the district boards of education at least 40 days in advance of the regular election.

B. Special Election

- (1) Candidates may be nominated by petition, signed by at least 10 members from at least five different boards of education and filed with the executive director at least 11 days prior to the special election. No candidate may be nominated unless he or she has previously served one full term as a board member prior to his/her election to office. The written consent of the candidate for nomination must be filed with the executive director within the same time limit. This time limit shall be waived in the event of an emergency resignation of a candidate previously nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition.
- (2) This time limit may be shortened for a special election where it is not possible to give to all district boards of education the advance notice specified herein, and to allow a reasonable time for circulation of a petition.
- (3) Petitions may not be obtained or circulated prior to the Nominating Committee submitting its certified copy of its report to the executive director.
- (4) The shortened time period shall be stated in the announcement of the vacancy. The signatures need not all appear upon a single petition and any number of petitions may be filed on behalf of any

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candidate, but no petition shall contain the endorsement of more than one candidate. No person who serves on the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition as a candidate for office at the forthcoming election.

Nomination by Petition (continued)

- (5) A report of all candidates nominated by petition shall be submitted to the district boards of education at least eight days in advance of the election. Should a shortened time period as set forth in subparagraph (2) above be used, the report shall be submitted to the district boards of education within four days of shortened filing deadline.

Article VII, Section 6