

## **Qualifications for an Atlanta Board of Education Member**

The Atlanta Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "board") shall be composed of nine members elected in nonpartisan elections. Three members shall be elected citywide and six members shall be elected from districts as provided within this Act. (b) Members of the board shall hold their respective offices for a term of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. (1996 Ga. Laws, page 4371, § 2-101)

### **Sec. 4.5-127. Qualifications.**

(a) To qualify for election as a board member, a person must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) Be a resident of the city and, if seeking to represent a board district, be a resident of the board district from which he or she seeks to qualify and represent for at least one year immediately preceding the date of filing a notice of candidacy to seek office;
- (3) Be a qualified elector of the city; and
- (4) Not be an employee of the state department of education or a member of the state board of education.

(b) To hold office as a board member, a person must:

- (1) Continue to possess the qualifications prescribed in subsection (a) herein;
  - (2) Continue to reside in the board district from which elected;
  - (3) Not hold any other elective public office; and
  - (4) Not be an employee of the Atlanta Board of Education or any other local board of education.
- (1996 Ga. Laws, page 4371, § 2-102)

### **Sec. 4.5-128. Elections; election districts; reapportionment.**

(a) Elections. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, regular and special elections to fill the offices of members of the board shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements and procedures of O.C.G.A. tit. 21, ch. 3 (O.C.G.A. § 21-3-1 et seq.), the "Georgia Municipal Election Code," as now or hereafter amended. Regular elections for the offices of members of the board shall be held at the same time as the regular city elections under the Atlanta city charter.

(b) Election districts. Members of the board shall be elected from the school board districts created and established by section 4.5-311 which is made a part hereof by reference. The entire electorate of the city shall be entitled to vote in elections for the three at-large board members who shall reside respectively in board district nos. 1 or 2, 3 or 4, 5 or 6. No at-large board member may be elected from a board district wherein another at-large incumbent member resides. The entire electorate of each board district shall be entitled to vote for the election of a district board member elected solely from its district. The six board districts shall be composed respectively of contiguous paired council districts of the city as provided in section 4.5-311. A numbered seat shall be designated for each at-large position and each district position on the board. The person receiving the majority of the votes cast for each position shall be elected.

(c) [Existing members.] Those members of the board who are serving as such on December 31, 1996, and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such offices shall continue to serve as such members for terms of office which expire December 31, 1997, and shall continue to represent the area or district from which elected.

(d) [Initial terms.] The first members of the board constituted under this Act shall be elected at the time of the general municipal election in 1997. The members of the board elected thereto in 1997 shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election and shall serve for initial terms of office which expire December 31, 2001, and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors. Those and all future successors to members of the board whose terms of office are to expire shall be elected at the general municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of such terms, shall take office the first day of January immediately following that election, and shall serve for terms of office of four years each. Members of the board shall serve for the terms of office specified therefore in this subsection and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. (1996 Ga. Laws, page 4371, § 2-103)

(from Georgia Act to reorganize the Board of Education of the City of Atlanta, approved April 9, 1996 (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4371),