

A Board member from the Columbia County Board of Education can be removed from office only on recall of the voters. No official is subject to recall during the first or last 180 days of the term of office.

To set in motion a recall election, a petition must be filed, signed by at least 30 per cent of the number of electors registered and qualified to vote at the last preceding general election for any candidate offering for the office held by the officer. The "sponsors" of the recall petition must file an application which must contain detailed information required by the statute, including "the specific reason or reasons advanced by the sponsors for support of the recall." There must be a number of sponsors in number to at least 100 electors or equal in number to at least 10 per cent of the number of electors who are registered to vote at the last preceding general election for any candidates offering for the office held by the public official sought to be recalled, whichever is smaller. If the Election Superintendent determines that the application is sufficient, he/she issues the recall petition forms, assigns a number, and notifies the person sought to be recalled. The Superintendent has five days to make the determination of sufficiency and insufficiency. The sponsors must submit the signed petition to the Superintendent within 45 days after they were issued, and the Election Superintendent has 30 days thereafter to determine the sufficiency of the petition, (and 45 days if more than one petition is pending), and if the petition is found to be sufficient, the Governor shall be notified who shall issue the call for the special election. The recall is called within ten days after receipt of certification from the Election Superintendent, and shall be conducted not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the call, except when a primary or general election is to be held within not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days, in which case the recall election shall be conducted on that date.

PROCEDURE: NO

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