1.4 SIERRA KINGS HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, & APPOINTMENTS – Board members shall be elected, and any vacancies occurring during the term of a Board member's service shall be filled by appointment, pursuant to the State law.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is to is to outline how the Sierra Kings Health Care District (the District) seats its Board members based on rules of election or appointment, as required by State law and the District's Bylaws.

POLICY & PROCEDURES:
It is the policy of the District that election and/or appointments of Board members shall be as follows:

Election:
As per the Local Health Care District Law, California Health and Safety Code Section 32000 et seq., each District Board member shall:

1. Be elected by residents of the District by zones. (See District Policy No. 1.3 – Designated Service Area – for descriptors and maps)

2. Be a registered voter residing in the District for 30 days preceding the date of the election as per Health and Safety Code section 32100.1.

3. Commit to serve a term of four (4) years until the next general election. There is no limit on the number of terms a Board member may serve.

The District shall:

1. Work in cooperation with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Office to attain a notice of upcoming General Election on even years indicating the candidate nomination period. The District shall also request documents with legal deadlines, such as: special district fact sheet and resolution calling for a general election, etc.

2. Require any incumbent Board member whose term is expiring and who wishes to be a candidate in an upcoming election to file candidate documents in person with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Office located at 2221 Kern St. Fresno, CA 93721, which may be contacted at 559.600.2575.

Vacancies:
As per Health and Safety Code section 32100 and Government Code section 1780, upon receiving notice of a vacancy in a Board member's office, the District shall:

1. Notify the county elections official no later than 15 days after either the date on which the Board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later.

2. The remaining members of the District Board may fill the vacancy either by appointment or by calling an election.

Appointment:

As per the Health and Safety Code section 32100 and Government Code section 1780, the District Board members shall, when making appointments to fill any vacancy on the Board, do the following:

1. The remaining members of the District Board, shall make an appointment within sixty (60) days after either the date on which the District Board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later.

2. The District shall post a notice of the vacancy in three (3) or more conspicuous places in the District at least fifteen (15) days before the District Board makes the appointment. The District shall also notify the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Office of the appointment no later than fifteen (15) days after the appointment.

3. In the event the District Board does not make the appointment and does not call for an election to fill the same within sixty (60) days , the Fresno County Board of Supervisors may make the appointment within the next thirty (30) days.

4. If the appointment is made to fill a vacancy that occurs in the first half of a Board member's term of office and at least 130 days prior to the next general District election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy will hold office until the next general District election that is scheduled 130 or more days after the date the Board is notified of the vacancy, and thereafter until the person who is elected at that election to fill the vacancy has been qualified (in which case, the person elected to fill the vacancy will hold office for the unexpired balance of the term of office).

5. If the appointment is made to fill a vacancy that occurs in the first half of a term of a Board member's term of office, but less than 130 days prior to the next general District election, or if the appointment is made to fill a vacancy that occurs in the second half of a Board member's term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy will fill the balance of the unexpired term of office.

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