

Montana Code Annotated 2019

TITLE 20. EDUCATION

CHAPTER 3. ELECTED OFFICIALS

Part 3. School District Trustees

Candidate Qualification, Filing Deadline, And Withdrawal

20-3-305. Candidate qualification, filing deadline, and withdrawal. (1) Except as provided in [20-3-338](#), any person who is qualified to vote in a district under the provisions of [20-20-301](#) is eligible for the office of trustee.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), a declaration of intent to be a candidate must be submitted to the clerk of the district at least 40 days before the regular school election day at which the person is to be a candidate. If there are different terms to be filled, the term for the position for which the candidate is filing must also be indicated.

(b) A person seeking to become a write-in candidate for a trustee position shall file a declaration of intent no later than 5 p.m. on the day before the ballot certification deadline in [20-20-401](#).

(3) (a) A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a statement of withdrawal to the clerk of the district. The statement must contain all information necessary to identify the candidate and the office for which the candidate filed. The statement of withdrawal must be acknowledged by the clerk of the district.

(b) A candidate may not withdraw after 5 p.m. the day before the ballot certification deadline in [20-20-401](#).

History: En. 75-5913 by Sec. 42, Ch. 5, L. 1971; R.C.M. 1947, 75-5913; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 372, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 539, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 514, L. 1999; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 271, L. 2011; amd. Sec. 201, Ch. 49, L. 2015.