**SPECIAL SECTION: 3 YEAR TERMS!!!**

**2020-2023 TRANSITION TO ODD-YEAR ELECTIONS BEGINS NOW**

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**What is the term of office for a special district Board member?**

The basic term of office is four years. Unless the term to be filled is a 2-year term as described above.

C.R.S. § 32-1-305.5(3); 32-1-905(2)(a)

In the years 2020 and 2022, directors will be elected to **three year terms**, which in those cases will constitute a full term. Directors appointed after the 2022 election will only serve until the 2023 election; other than that, appointments will remain two years or less.

**How are vacancies filled by the remaining Board of directors, and how long is their term?**

Appointment of new directors is completely at the discretion of the Board. There are not any requirements for additional notice, vetting, etc., just that they are an eligible elector. There is a provision for the service plan approving authority (i.e., BOCC) to appoint directors after notice, but this is rarely exercised.

Any vacancy on the board shall be filled **by appointment** by the remaining director or directors, the appointee to serve until the next regular election, at which time, the vacancy shall be filled by election for any remaining unexpired portion of the term.

C.R.S. § 32-1-905(2)(a)

SD-1 (Oath), SD-2 (Notice of Appointment)

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Title 32-Article 1 special districts begin the transition from even-year May elections to odd year elections starting with the May 5, 2020, election:

1) For the May 5, 2020, election the maximum length/full term of a director term will be three (3) years instead of the usual four (4) year term. The term end for directors appointed after May 5, 2020 is the next regular election on May 3, 2022 (≤2 years).

2) The May 3, 2022, election will also feature a 3-year maximum/full term, with the additional oddity of a 1-year partial term for those appointed after May 3, 2022; appointees’ terms end May 2, 2023 (≤1 year).

3) May 2, 2023, election resets the election process. The four (4) year full term returns. Two (2) year partial terms return; the term end for directors appointed after May 2, 2023 is the next regular election on May 6, 2025 (≤2 years).