Policy

**BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

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Members of the board should have a genuine interest in and devotion to public education, a willingness to give time and effort to the work, and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Constitutional and statutory provisions require that all officers of the state and its subdivisions be qualified electors; that is, registered to vote, in their resident precinct. Persons convicted of a felony under state or federal law or other crimes related to elections and voting are prohibited from being elected to and serving in an office in this state or its political subdivisions, including school districts.

Board members are prohibited from dual office-holding, except in instances when an officer is given ex-officio status by statute. Any office-holder who is elected to a second office must vacate the first office. Thus, a board member may not hold another office. Under this provision, “office-holding” means being elected or appointed to an office of the state or its subdivisions.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Constitution:

1. Article II, Sections 3 and 4 - Definition of qualified electors.
2. Article II, Section 7 - Disqualifications by reason of mental incompetence or conviction of crime.
3. Article VI, Section 3 - Prohibits dual office-holding.
4. Article VI, Section 1 - Prohibits persons convicted of certain crimes from election to office (with some exceptions).
5. Article XVII, Section 1 and 1A - Qualification for office and prohibition against dual office-holding.

B. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 7-5-120 - Qualifications for voter registration.