

24-414. Manner of nomination and election of directors; filing fee; election boards; notice of election; who entitled to vote; election expenses.

(a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and all persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years, file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county wherein the district is located, as a candidate in such election, and the election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and canvassed by the board of directors. The county election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund. The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county clerk shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the election.

(b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the board of directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of the district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under the general election laws.

(c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes assessed on such property.

History: L. 1905, ch. 215, § 13; L. 1913, ch. 184, § 3; R.S. 1923, 24-414; L. 1935, ch. 170, § 1; L. 1953, ch. 190, § 1; L. 1957, ch. 224, § 1; L. 1971, ch. 124, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 125, § 2; L. 1981, ch. 162, § 3; L. 2004, ch. 161, § 1; L. 2012, ch. 122, § 2; July 1.