

**24-484. Directors, qualifications; voters, qualifications.** (a) The commissioners making the application for the charter of incorporation as a drainage district, shall be named in the charter as the directors of the drainage district, to serve for the term of four years from the date of the incorporation, unless one or more of the commissioners should be disabled or refuse to serve, in any which event the district court having jurisdiction, as provided in K.S.A. 24-481, shall have jurisdiction to designate some suitable person or persons as commissioners to make the application. At the expiration of the period of three and one-half years from the date of incorporation of the drainage district, and thereafter every four years, the board of directors of the drainage district shall cause an election to be called and held for the election of successors to the board of directors.

The directors elected at the first election shall qualify and assume the duties of their respective offices on the fourth anniversary of the date of incorporation, unless same should fall on Sunday or a legal holiday, in which event they shall assume their offices on the preceding day. Directors shall be elected and assume their offices at each four-year period. In event of the death, disqualification or resignation of any director, the remaining directors shall have authority to fill any such vacancies occurring in their number for the unexpired term of such director. Except as provided by subsection (b), at the first and all subsequent elections held for the election of directors, only residents of the drainage district shall be entitled to vote, but any qualified elector of the county in which the district is located may be elected a director of the drainage district, whether a resident of the drainage district or not.

(b) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold the office of director.

**History:** L. 1925, ch. 163, § 4; L. 2006, ch. 207, § 6; July 1.