

Lynn Bielawiec

From: Michael Wilkinson
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Lynn Bielawiec
Subject: FW: Staggered Terms
Attachments: BOE.doc

Can you send to Charter Commission. Thanks!

From: Sheila Bailey
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 4:43 PM
To: Michael Wilkinson
Subject: RE: Staggered Terms

Mike,

There is an additional provision in state statute for changing BOE members and terms that doesn't take effect until six months after adoption and would then be applied at the next election. (statute attached)

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From: Michael Wilkinson
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Sheila Bailey
Subject: RE: Staggered Terms

Thanks so much for your help!

From: Sheila Bailey
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:37 AM
To: Michael Wilkinson
Subject: Staggered Terms

Mike, Here are a few different ways to handle staggered terms. The first is our own P&Z Commission and the following are two other towns and how they handle staggered terms for the Board of Education. There are many ways to address staggered terms, so if you want me to continue to look for other ways towns have handled it, let me know.

Town of Tolland Charter

§ C3-3. Planning and Zoning Commission.

There shall be a Planning and Zoning Commission consisting of five (5) members, who shall be elected, four (4) members to four-year terms and one (1) member to a two-year term. At each biennial municipal election, there shall be elected two (2) members to four-year terms and one (1) member to a two-year term. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall appoint a Zoning Enforcement Officer for a two-year term. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall be responsible for a town plan of development as defined by the General Statutes.

Town of Canton Charter

Chapter C. Charter

Article IX. Elected Agencies

§ 9.02. Board of Education.

The Board of Education shall consist of nine members, each to be elected for a four-year term, and with four members and five members, respectively, each being elected at alternating regular Town elections. If the number of members to be elected is odd, no elector shall vote for more than a bare majority of the number, and if the number to be elected is even, an elector may vote for three such members.

Town of Branford Charter

Chapter 34. Elections

Article I. Election of Town Officials

§ 34-3. Board of Education.

There shall be elected at each biennial election to be held in the Town of Branford, in addition to the other officers, three members of the Board of Education. Each political party shall nominate two candidates, and the three receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of six years from the date of their election, pursuant to Section 9-206 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958.

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Sec. 9-206a. Optional number of members and terms of boards of education. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-203, 9-205 and 9-206, any town may, by charter provision, provide for the election of a board of education consisting of not less than three nor more than twelve electors of such town for terms of two, three, four or six years. Each such town may provide in an ordinance or charter provision for method of rotation. Such ordinance or charter provision shall not take effect until six months after adoption. Members of boards of education shall first be elected in accordance with any such ordinance or charter provision at the next regular town election following the effective date of such ordinance or charter provision.

(b) No person serving an elected term to a board of education on the effective date of any such ordinance or charter provision shall have his term shortened or terminated by virtue of such ordinance or charter provision.