BOARD OF EDUCATION

School Board Legal Status

The School Code provides that “all school districts having a population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000 inhabitants shall be governed by a board of education consisting of seven members…”

In addition, The School Code prescribes the procedure for election of members and for operation of the School Board. It also defines the phrase “shall be governed” through a comprehensive description of the Board’s powers and duties, including the broad authority “to adopt and enforce all necessary rules for the management and government of the public schools of their district.”

School Board members, as individuals, have no authority over school affairs. The Board has the authority only when acting as a body duly called into session.

105 ILCS 5/10-1 et seq.

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