

[(b) (1) In February of the year in which the term of a county superintendent is to end, the county board shall appoint a county superintendent to serve for a term of 4 years beginning on July 1 after his appointment.

(2) A county superintendent holds office until a successor is appointed and qualifies.]

(B) (1) THE TERM OF A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT IS 4 YEARS BEGINNING ON JULY 1. A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(2) BY FEBRUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH A TERM ENDS, THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY BOARD WHETHER HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

(3) IN THE YEAR IN WHICH A TERM BEGINS, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL APPOINT A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND JUNE 30. HOWEVER, IF THE COUNTY BOARD DECIDES TO REAPPOINT THE INCUMBENT SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL TAKE FINAL ACTION AT A PUBLIC MEETING NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THAT YEAR.

(4) IF A COUNTY BOARD IS UNABLE TO APPOINT A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BY JULY 1 OF A YEAR IN WHICH A TERM BEGINS, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION APPLY.

(c) (1) An individual may not be appointed as county superintendent unless he;

(i) Is eligible to be issued a certificate for the office by the State Superintendent;

(ii) Has graduated from an accredited college or university; and

(iii) Has completed 2 years of graduate work at an accredited college or university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching.

(2) The appointment of a county superintendent is not valid unless approved in writing by the State Superintendent.

(3) If the State Superintendent disapproves an appointment, he shall give his reasons for disapproval in writing to the county board.

(d) If a vacancy occurs in the office of county superintendent[;

(1) The], THE county board shall appoint an interim county superintendent who serves until July 1 after his appointment[; and