

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL STATUS

State law provides that:

Every town at its annual meeting shall in every year when the term of office of any incumbent expires, and except when other provision is made by law, choose by ballot from its registered voters the following town officers for the following terms of office:

. . . Three, five, six, seven or nine members of the School Committee for terms of three years . . .

The School Committee is the governing board of the town's public school system. Although it functions as a duly elected Committee of town government, the School Committee has, unlike other town boards, autonomous and absolute authority within limitations established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to carry out the educational policies of the state and guide the educational process.

Regional school districts are created in accordance with state law and the regional agreement approved by the member towns. The Regional District School Committee consists of nine members, six from the Town of Acton and three from the Town of Boxborough. At the annual town elections, the Town of Acton shall elect two members to the Committee, and the Town of Boxborough shall elect one member to the Committee, each to serve three-year terms.

Established by law

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 41:1, 71:14B, 71:16A and 71:37 specifically, but powers and duties of School Committees are established throughout the General Laws of Massachusetts Relating to School Committees
Regional Agreement between the towns of Acton and Boxborough, MA

CROSS REFS.: AA, School District Legal Status
BBA, School Committee Powers and Duties