

- (a) who has made an order described in subsection (1)(a), or
- (b) who has declared a person to be disqualified

may reduce the period of disqualification.

(4) An appeal against the decision of a judge under this section lies to the Court of Appeal.

1983 cL-27.5 s24;1994 cM-26.1 s642(42)

Nomination day

25 Nomination day shall be 4 weeks before election day.

1983 cL-27.5 s25

Notice of nomination day

26(1) The returning officer shall give notice of nomination day in the prescribed form by publishing a notice at least once a week in each of the 2 weeks before nomination day in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, or by mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the local jurisdiction at least one week before nomination day.

(2) On complying with subsection (1), the returning officer may publish, mail and deliver additional notices and give notice by any other method as many times as the returning officer considers appropriate.

RSA 2000 cL-21 s26;2003 c27 s9

Form of nomination

27(1) Every nomination of a candidate shall be in the prescribed form and signed by at least 5 electors eligible to vote in that election and resident in the local jurisdiction on the date of signing the nomination, and shall be accompanied with a written acceptance signed in the prescribed form by the person nominated, stating

- (a) that the person is eligible to be elected to the office,
- (a.1) the name, address and telephone number of the person's official agent, and
- (b) that the person will accept the office if elected,

and if required by bylaw, it must be accompanied with a deposit in the required amount.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a city that is a local jurisdiction with a population of at least 10 000 or a board of trustees under the *School Act* of a local jurisdiction with a population of at least 10 000 may, by a bylaw passed prior to June

30 of a year in which a general election is to be held, specify the minimum number of electors required to sign the nomination of a candidate for an office, but that number must be at least 5 and not more than 100.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), if a system of wards is in effect, only an elector who is a resident of the ward for which a candidate for election is being nominated may sign the nomination of the candidate.

(4) If a bylaw has been passed providing for a deposit, a nomination paper is not valid nor shall it be acted on by the returning officer unless it is accompanied with the deposit.

RSA 2000 cL-21 s27;2003 c27 s10;2006 c22 s14

Nominations

28(1) The returning officer shall receive nominations at the local jurisdiction office between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on nomination day.

(1.1) The person who is nominated as a candidate is responsible for ensuring that the nomination filed under subsection (1) meets the requirements of section 27.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an elected authority may, by a bylaw passed prior to June 30 of a year in which an election is to be held, provide that the returning officer

- (a) may receive nominations earlier than 10 a.m., and
- (b) may establish locations, in addition to the local jurisdiction office, where a deputy may receive nominations.

(3) Any person may file a nomination described in section 27 with the returning officer or deputy.

(3.01) If a nomination is not signed by at least the minimum number of electors required to sign the nomination, the returning officer shall not accept it for filing.

(3.1) Repealed 2006 c22 s15.

(4) At any time after 12 noon on nomination day until the term of office to which the filed nomination papers relate has expired, a person may request to examine the filed nomination papers during regular business hours and in the presence of the returning officer, deputy or secretary.