

PRECINCTS AND ELECTION BOARDS

- Municipal Precincts (SDCL 9-13-16):
 - Each ward is a precinct and does not have to be the same as for county elections.
 - If precinct had over 500 voters at the last election, then you may choose to split the precinct into two precincts.
 - If you have two contiguous precincts with less than 350 voters, then you may combine them.
 - Any changes to your precincts may have to be done via an ordinance change and that would have to take effect prior to your notice of election.
 - If you make any changes to your precincts notify your county auditor at least 45 days preceding your election (SDCL 12-14-1.1).
- If all wards use the same polling place, a single election board may be appointed (SDCL 9-13-36).
- If all wards are voting on an identical ballot, then a single ballot box and pollbook may be used (SDCL 9-13-36).



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- School voting precincts and polling places are determined by the school board and do not have to be the same as those used for county elections (**SDCL 13-7-11**).
- Must notify county auditor of precinct changes at least 45 days before election (**SDCL 12-14-1.1**).



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ELECTION BOARDS

- SDCL 9-13-16.1 and 13-7-12
 - Appointed by the governing body. Notice of Appointment is ARSD 05:02:05:11.01.
 - Minimum of one superintendent and two precinct deputies.
 - Choose election board members whom you trust and who will do a good job. If possible, use board members who work for other elections and are experienced.
 - Members of School Boards may serve on election boards as long as they are not a candidate on the ballot or related within the second degree to a candidate on the ballot.
- Election board members must be a registered voter and resident of the precinct they will be working in (SDCL 12-15-12). You may go outside of the precinct if you've exhausted all options.
- May not be related within the second degree to a candidate on the ballot (SDCL 12-15-14.3).
- Election board members may not be poll watchers (SDCL 12-15-2.1).

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SDCL 12-15-14.3. No person may serve on an election or counting board who is a candidate or related by blood or marriage within the second degree to a candidate who is on the ballot in that precinct.

