

**357E.9 Trustees — term and qualification.**

1. *a.* At the election, the names of at least seven candidates for trustee shall be written in by the voters on blank ballots without formal nomination and the board of supervisors shall appoint seven from among the nine receiving the highest number of votes as trustees for the district. Three trustees shall be appointed to serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. The trustees shall give bond in the amount required by the board, the premium of which shall be paid by the district. The trustees must be residents of the district or be property owners within the district. Vacancies shall be filled by election, but if there are no candidates for a trustee office, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the board. The terms of the succeeding trustees are for three years.

*b.* (1) For districts in existence on July 1, 2011, the number of trustees, other than those appointed under [subsection 2](#), shall be increased from three trustees to seven trustees. For the initial seven-member board under this paragraph “*b*”, the board of supervisors shall appoint four trustees. One trustee shall be appointed to serve for one year, one for two years, and two for three years. The term of each trustee appointed under this subparagraph shall expire on the same date as the term of the current trustee whose term expires during the same year.

(2) This paragraph “*b*” is repealed on July 1, 2018.

2. If the state owns at least four hundred acres of land contiguous to a lake within the district, the natural resource commission shall appoint two members of the board of trustees in addition to the seven members provided in [this section](#). The additional two members must be citizens of the state, not less than eighteen years of age, and property owners within the district. The two additional members have voting and other authority equal to the other members of the board and hold office at the pleasure of the natural resource commission.

[88 Acts, ch 1194, §9](#); [91 Acts, ch 111, §7](#); [2001 Acts, ch 24, §48](#); [2011 Acts, ch 108, §2](#); [2013 Acts, ch 90, §96](#)