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LEGISLATURE TINKERS WITH START DATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD TERMS AND THUS SHIFTS TIME FRAME FOR ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (ASSEMBLY BILL 2449)

Terms for school and community college board members begin on the first Friday in December. Assembly Bill 2449 provides that beginning in 2019 the terms will begin instead on the **second** Friday in December. (See Education Code sections 5017, 72027.)

By law, the county elections official has 30 days to certify election results. For even-numbered year elections, the county elections official is responsible for processing a large number of election results for many jurisdictions. The stated purpose of AB 2449 is to correct a situation in even-numbered years where the county elections official may need the full 30 days to certify election results yet education agencies are holding their organizational meetings and seating new members potentially before the results can be certified.

This will have the effect of shifting the time frame for the annual organizational meeting since it must be held within the 15-day window after newly elected board members take office (and during that same time frame during non-election years). (Education Code sections 35143, 72000.)

Remember that K-12 boards must approve first interim budget reports by December 15. In some years, that could mean a second December meeting would be necessary.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you need further information on this topic.

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