



DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TYPES OF DISTRICTS

RESIDENCY DISTRICTS

Candidates must live in the district/ward they want to represent, but all voters of the jurisdiction (city/county) vote for them.

Example: Durham city council has 3 wards. Candidates must live in the ward, but everyone in city votes for all three wards.

SINGLE MEMBER OR PURE DISTRICTS

Candidates must live in the district/ward they want to represent and only the voters who live in the same district/ward can vote for them.

Example: Durham school board has 6 districts of this type, 4 districts and 2 consolidated districts. Candidates must live in the district and only voters in that district can vote for them.

AT LARGE DISTRICTS

This is a variation of residency districts. There are no wards or districts. Candidates must live in the jurisdiction (city or county) and all voters vote for them.

Examples: Durham county commissioners. There are 5 seats, candidates must live in the county and all voters vote for all 5 candidates. Durham city council has 3 at large seats. Durham school board has one at large seat.

SUMMARY- I live in the city and county of Durham. Here's how I vote:

County Commissioners-every 4 years I vote for 5 candidates.

City Council-every 2 years I vote for Mayor and three of the six council members.(Mayor is two year term, council is four, staggered-I vote for Mayor and 3 at large seats and next time I vote for Mayor and 3 ward seats.

School Board-I vote for 3 of the 7 members. They have staggered four year terms. Every two years I vote for one, (my district) or two, (my consolidated district and one at large seat.

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