

Senator Holmes,

I serve on the Ellinwood District Hospital Board here in Ellinwood and have for twenty-five years. 80-2508 is creating some problems that we need to work on. We have five board members who have always served three year terms. We have always elected two one year, two the second year and one the third year and then start over. We had the elections in the spring so that they could take office at our Annual meeting in May. Now I find that the two positions that had terms ending in May of 2015 will have to wait until November 2017 for an election.

Until 2009 we elected board members at the annual meeting with the voters that were at the meeting. Up to this point we often had annual meetings with less than five patrons attending. That worked very well for a number of years until someone invited all their friend and relatives to the annual meeting to get themselves on the board. As it turned out that person has been a very good board member, however we could see this could happen again and it might not work out so well allowing someone with a personal agenda to get a seat on the board. That was when we changed to electing board members in a general election. That worked very well until now. Do we need to go back to electing board members at the annual meeting?

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