

TITLE 630. SCENIC RIVERS COMMISSION
CHAPTER 3. ELECTION PROCEDURES

[As recommended by staff for discussion on November 17, 2015]

630:3-1-2. Notice of filing period

(a) The OSRC shall publish notice of the filing period for elected-commissioner candidates as follows:

(1) by publishing once, during the last week in October or the first week in November, in a legal newspaper of the county general circulation,¹ serving the respective counties affected, at least twice with an interval of seven (7) days during the last week of October and the first two weeks of November, and/or ; and

(2) by posting copies of such notice in at least five (5) public places within each county affected by the elections, and electronically by posting on the OSRC website and by email to the last registered address of qualified voters.

(b) The notice of the filing period shall also include information about the voter qualifications and affidavit requirement as described in rule 630:3-1-7 below.

630:3-1-4. Notice of election

If there are two or more candidates for an office, the OSRC shall publish notice of elections once in a legal newspaper of general circulation the county, serving the respective counties affected by the elections, ~~once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to election day and also electronically in the manner described in rule 630:3-1-2 above.~~ The notice shall list the names of the candidates, registration deadline, voting hours, election date, and voting locations. If there is no candidate the Commission may then decide whether and when to conduct a special election.

630:3-1-7. Qualification for voting in election

To qualify to vote in commissioner elections, all registered voters who also wish to vote for a candidate must reside, own real property or own a residential structure within 660 feet of a Scenic River, as specified in Title 82, Section 1461. To qualify, each registered voter must sign an OSRC affidavit for voter-qualifications in person or by mail with the OSRC at least 24 7 days before an election commences. Once registered qualified, by submitting a ballot, ~~registered~~ voters certify that they remain eligible to vote on election day and may also update their contact information and email addresses for future notifications.

630:3-1-16. Counting of votes

(a) Ballots shall be collected, counted and delivered to the principal office of the OSRC by the first ~~Friday~~ Wednesday after the election.

(b) In the event of a tie vote for the winner, the Administrator shall notify each candidate of that fact and of the date and time for a recount. Each candidate, or their designee, may be present and observe the recount. If the recount yields a tie, the Administrator will select the winner by lot.

(1) The Administrator shall, in full view of those present, clearly write or print the name of each tied candidate on a separate piece of paper of equal size. The papers shall be folded in half one time so that the written names are not visible and then placed into a container chosen by the Administrator.

(2) The Administrator shall draw, or may designate an OSRC staff member to draw, one paper, and the name of the person appearing on the first drawn paper shall be declared the winner.

(c) At the conclusion of the ballot counting, the Administrator shall notify each candidate of the results, including the numbers of ballots cast for each candidate, and post the results at the principal office.

¹ Qualified to publish legal notices. See Title 25 O.S. Section 106.