

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Gloucester 10-15-1951 (Ch. I, § 2, 1-02-01, of the 1991 Code). Amended 3-21-2024; effective 3-21-2024 Amendments noted where applicable.]

**§ 63-2 Appointment; membership; terms; vacancies; quorum.**

The Town Council of the Town of Gloucester shall appoint such Bipartisan Canvassing Authority *as provided by the Constitution and laws of the state*. Such Authority shall consist of three ***(3) regular members that are*** qualified electors of said Town, not more than two of whom shall belong to the same political party, ***and two (2) alternate members, not more than one of whom shall belong to the same political party. At any meeting of the Authority at which a regular member is to be absent, the regular member may request that an alternate member replace him or her for that meeting, provided that the alternate member must be of the same political party as the regular member.*** The terms of the ***regular*** members of said Authority shall be arranged so that the terms of office of the several ***regular*** members shall expire in different years. Each member ***of the Authority*** shall be appointed to serve for a term of six years beginning on the first Monday in March following the date of his or her appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be appointed or serve as a member of such Authority who is an officer or employee of the United States or of this state or of any city or town of this state. Any member of said Authority who becomes a candidate for election to any public office and who fails to file a declination of candidacy within the time allowed by law shall be disqualified from holding membership upon said Authority and his successor shall be appointed forthwith by the Town Council, who shall fill any vacancy because of death, resignation or otherwise. For the purpose of receiving registrations, a quorum shall be comprised of one member of the Board: for all other purposes, a quorum shall consist of two members.