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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 12, 2019

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Colleen Meredith, Director ^{JB}_{CM}
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor Elections

At the December 2, 2019 Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting, a report from the Program Delivery and District Operations Committee was presented. The committee was tasked with review of policies for soil and water conservation district (SWCD) supervisor elections that were previously in rule, but due to changes in the Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo) 278.100 now are established in Commission policy. Based upon input from the committee, and in an effort to synchronize elections for the district voting areas, the Commission suspended all soil and water conservation district supervisor elections until the committee can finalize new election policies for Commission approval. By suspending elections this will result in some SWCD board members having a term longer than four years. Once the new election policies are finalized, the term of the SWCD board members will return to four years. The Commission action only suspends elections. The SWCD can still submit supervisor resignations if needed.

The committee has asked the program office to request input from SWCDs on election policies. A questionnaire will be sent to all SWCDs in the near future. If you have any questions please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

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