

# **Bond Case Briefs**

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## **BOND ELECTION - IOWA**

### **In re Election Contest of Highland School Bond Referendum**

**Supreme Court of Iowa - May 1, 2026 - N.W.3d - 2026 WL 1188898**

Contestants sought judicial review of county election contest board's rejection of their contest of school bond election based on allegation that erroneous distribution of ballots including bond measure to precinct voters who did not reside in school district resulted in illegal votes.

The District Court granted summary judgment in favor of school district board of directors and affirmed rejection of contest. Contestants appealed.

The Supreme Court held that contestants' failure to provide names of persons alleged to have voted illegally in election precluded trial court from considering their challenge to it.

Contestants' failure to provide names of persons alleged to have voted illegally in school bond election precluded trial court from considering their challenge to election, on ground that erroneous distribution of ballots including bond measure to precinct voters who did not reside in school district resulted in illegal votes; provision of names was requirement for exercise of statutory right to contest school bond elections on illegal voting grounds.

Supreme Court of Iowa holds that contestants' failure to provide names of persons alleged to have voted illegally in school bond election precluded trial court from considering their challenge to election, on ground that erroneous distribution of ballots including bond measure to precinct voters who did not reside in school district resulted in illegal votes; provision of names was requirement for exercise of statutory right to contest school bond elections on illegal voting grounds.