

Gov. Dave Heineman is seeking qualified candidates to represent the residents of District 4 on the Nebraska State Board of Education. The State Board of Education accepted the resignation of current board member Rebecca Valdez on Feb. 4.

Valdez was elected in 2009 and re-elected to the seat in November 2012.

The governor will appoint a new board member to complete the term, which runs through 2016.

Valdez is employed at Creighton University Health Sciences, Center for Promoting Health and Health Equality. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from the Texas State University.

To be considered for the position, applicants must meet the qualifications set out for board of education members in state statute.

Those not eligible for consideration include anyone actively involved in the teaching profession, as well as current state officers and members of other boards and commissions, unless the role of the board is limited to an advisory capacity.

District 4 of the Nebraska State Board of Education includes portions of Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Detailed maps of the district and its boundaries are available on the governor's website at www.governor.nebraska.gov.

Applicants must have lived within the boundaries of District 4 for at least six months. Gov. Heineman may also choose to seek out additional qualified candidates.

Individuals interested in the position should send a cover letter and resume, along with a completed application form to Kathleen Dolezal in the Governor's Office, at P.O. Box 94848, Lincoln, NE 68509.

The application form can be found on the governor's website or requested by calling the Governor's Office.

Applications will be accepted through the end of the day on Thursday, March 6.

Anyone with questions about the position may call the Governor's Office at (402) 471-2244 and ask for Ms. Dolezal.

Additional information regarding the Nebraska State Board of Education is available through the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard.