

HB 544 -- Recall Elections for Kansas City School District

Sponsor: Brooks

This bill creates recall procedures for Kansas City school board members, in addition to the procedure available under the academic deficiency statute. Recall petitions can originate from the voters of a subdistrict for a member who represents that subdistrict or from the district at large for an at-large member. The required number of signatures for the petition is 25% of the voters who voted in the last election. The bill specifies grounds for recall, the requirements for filing the petition, the form and content of the petition, and the procedure for verifying signatures. If a majority votes to retain the recalled member, the member remains in office and cannot be subject to another recall, except as provided in the academically deficient school statute. If the member is recalled, a successor will be chosen at the next date available for school elections. If a member resigns after a recall petition is filed, the position will remain vacant until the next election date available for school elections.