

AN ACT

To repeal sections 162.581, 162.601, and 162.611, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to election of school board members.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 162.581, 162.601, and 162.611, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 162.581, 162.601, and 162.611, to read as follows:

162.581. 1. The members of the board of education shall be elected from the city, as provided in section 162.601, on a general ticket, and shall be at least twenty-four years of age, citizens and residents of the city[, and shall have been residents and citizens] for at least three years immediately preceding their election, and residents of the subdistrict from which they are elected for at least one year immediately preceding their election. They shall not hold any office, except that of notary public, in the city or state, nor be interested in any contract with or claim against the board, either directly or indirectly. If, at any time after [the] a board member's election [of], any member of the board [he] becomes interested in any contract with or claim against the board, either directly or indirectly, or as agent or employee of any individual, firm or

corporation, which is so interested, [he] the member shall thereupon be disqualified to continue as a member of the board, and shall continue to be so disqualified during the remainder of the term for which [he] the member was elected.

2. Every member of the board, before assuming the duties of [his] the office, shall take oath before a circuit or associate circuit judge of the city, which oath shall be kept of record in the office of the board, that [he] the member possesses all the qualifications required by this section, and that [he] the member will not, while serving as a member of the board, become interested in any contract with or claim against the board, directly or indirectly, or as agent or employee of any individual, firm or corporation which is so interested, and that [he] the member will not be influenced, during [his] the term of office, by any consideration except that of merit and fitness in the appointment of officers and the engagement of employees.

3. No compensation shall be paid to the members of the board, but they are exempt from service as election officers during the term of office.

162.601. 1. Elected members of the board in office on August 28, [1998] 2004, shall hold office for the length of term for which they were elected, and any members appointed pursuant to section 162.611 to fill vacancies left by elected members in office on August 28, [1998] 2004, shall serve for the remainder of the term to which the replaced member was elected.

2. [No board members shall be elected at the first municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998.

3.] Three board members, one from each even-numbered subdistrict, shall be elected at the [second] municipal election in [an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998,] the year 2005 and every four years thereafter to serve four-year terms.

[4.] 3. Four board members, one from each odd-numbered subdistrict, shall be elected at the [third] municipal election in [an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, and two of such members shall be elected to] the year 2007 and every four years thereafter to serve four-year terms and two of such members, one each from subdistricts numbered 1 and 3, shall be elected to [three-year] one-year terms, on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April, 2006, to replace those members who were elected to three-year terms in 2003.

[5.] 4. Beginning with the [fourth] municipal election in [an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998] 2005, and at each succeeding municipal election in a year during which board member terms expire, there shall be elected members of the board of education, who shall assume the duties of their office at the first regular meeting of the board of education after their election, and, except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, who shall hold office for four years, and until their

successors are elected and qualified.

[6.] 5. Members of the board of directors shall be elected to represent seven subdistricts. [The subdistricts shall be established by the state board of education to be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be revised by the state board of education after each decennial census and at any other time the state board determines that the district's demographics have changed sufficiently to warrant redistricting.

7.] A member shall reside in and be elected [in] by the voters of the subdistrict which the member is elected to represent. Subdistrict 1 shall be comprised of wards 1, 2, 22 and 27. Subdistrict 2 shall be comprised of wards 3, 4, 5 and 21. Subdistrict 3 shall be comprised of wards 17, 18, 19, [20] and 26. Subdistrict 4 shall be comprised of wards 6, 7, [17] 9, and [28] 20. Subdistrict 5 shall be comprised of wards [9, 10, 11 and 12] 11, 12, 13, and 25. Subdistrict 6 shall be comprised of wards [13, 14, 16 and 25] 16, 23, 24, and 28. Subdistrict 7 shall be comprised of wards 8, [15, 23 and 24] 10, 14, and 15. In the event the aggregate number of wards in the district shall be either increased or decreased in total number, or if the wards in one or more subdistricts are no longer contiguous upon reapportionment or redistricting of the wards by the city after each decennial census, the subdistricts shall, after notice and a public hearing, be redistricted by the state board of education,

within six months after the wards are no longer contiguous or are increased or decreased in total number. The subdistricts established by the state board of education shall be compact, contiguous, as nearly equal in population as possible, and shall not cross ward lines unless the total number of wards may not be evenly divided by seven.

162.611. Any member failing to attend the meetings of the board for three consecutive regular meetings, unless excused by the board for reasons satisfactory to the board, shall be deemed to have vacated [his] the seat; and the secretary of the board shall certify that fact to the mayor. The secretary shall likewise certify to the mayor any other vacancy occurring in the board. Any vacancy shall be filled by the mayor by appointment of a qualified resident of the subdistrict for the remainder of the term.