

SCS SB 302 -- ST. LOUIS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Coleman (Cunningham, 86)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 15 to 0.

This substitute provides that the two St. Louis City school board members whose terms expire in April 2010 will continue to serve until November 2010 when their successors are elected.

Thereafter, the election date for those two members will be filled at the general election in November, rather than the municipal election in April.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that because of changes to the number of members and length of terms of the school board, the City of St. Louis School District has two members elected in an even-numbered year. If the district can split the cost of its school board election in those years, approximately \$250,000 will be saved. The five members elected in odd-numbered years will continue to be elected at the municipal election in April.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Coleman; St. Louis Board of Education; and Missouri School Boards Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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