

HB 502 -- Junior College Districts

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Currently, a petition for the creation of a junior college district is presented to the State Board of Education for approval and placement on the ballot. This bill requires the petition to be presented to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, which determines if the petition is sufficient and then requests the Secretary of State to place the issue on the ballot. The results of the election will be reported to the Secretary of State, who will certify the results to the coordinating board rather than to the state board. The Secretary of State will also determine which candidates have been elected as trustees, and a candidate for trustee must file for election with the Secretary of State.