

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____

Offered By

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 692,
Page 60, Section 143.790, Line 265, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

“162.481. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all elections of school directors
in urban districts shall be held biennially at the same times and places as municipal elections.

2. In any urban district which includes all or the major part of a city which first obtained a
population of more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants by reason of the 1960 federal decennial
census, elections of directors shall be held on municipal election days of even-numbered years.

The directors of the prior district shall continue as directors of the urban district until their
successors are elected as herein provided. On the first Tuesday in April, 1964, four directors shall
be elected, two for terms of two years to succeed the two directors of the prior district who were
elected in 1960 and two for terms of six years to succeed the two directors of the prior district
who were elected in 1961. The successors of these directors shall be elected for terms of six
years. On the first Tuesday in April, 1968, two directors shall be elected for terms to commence
on November 5, 1968, and to terminate on the first Tuesday in April, 1974, when their successors
shall be elected for terms of six years. No director shall serve more than two consecutive six-year
terms after October 13, 1963.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of this section, hereafter when a
seven-director district becomes an urban district, the directors of the prior seven-director district
shall continue as directors of the urban district until the expiration of the terms for which they
were elected and until their successors are elected as provided in this subsection.

1 The first biennial school election for directors shall be held in the urban district at the time
2 provided in subsection 1 which is on the date of or subsequent to the expiration of the terms of the
3 directors of the prior district which are first to expire, and directors shall be elected to succeed the
4 directors of the prior district whose terms have expired. If the terms of two directors only have
5 expired, the directors elected at the first biennial school election in the urban district shall be
6 elected for terms of six years. If the terms of four directors have expired, two directors shall be
7 elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of four years. At the next
8 succeeding biennial election held in the urban district, successors for the remaining directors of
9 the prior seven-director district shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected they shall
10 be elected for terms of six years each. If four directors are to be elected, two shall be elected for
11 terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of two years. After seven directors of the
12 urban district have been elected under this subsection, their successors shall be elected for terms
13 of six years.

14 4. In any school district in any city with a population of one hundred thousand or more
15 inhabitants which is located within a county of the first classification that adjoins no other county
16 of the first classification, or any school district which becomes an urban school district by reason
17 of the 2000 federal decennial census, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places
18 as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be
19 for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on
20 and after August 28, 1998.

21 5. Beginning in 2014, elections for the board of directors of an urban district containing
22 the greater part of a home rule city of at least four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in
23 more than one county shall be held biennially on the primary election day in even-numbered
24 years, and members of the board shall take office on August twenty-eighth, notwithstanding the
25 provisions of chapter 115.

26 162.492. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in all urban districts containing

1 the greater part of the population of a city which has more than [three hundred thousand
2 inhabitants] four hundred thousand inhabitants and is located in more than one county the terms of
3 the members of the board of directors in office [in 1967] shall continue until the end of the
4 respective terms to which each of them has been elected to office and in each case [thereafter]
5 until the next school election be held and until their successors, then elected, are duly qualified as
6 provided in this section.

7 2. In each urban district designated in subsection 1, the election authority of the city in
8 which the greater portion of the school district lies, and of the county if the district includes
9 territory not within the city limits, shall serve ex officio as a redistricting commission. The
10 commission shall on or before November 1, 1969, divide the school district into six subdistricts,
11 all subdistricts being of compact and contiguous territory and as nearly equal in the number of
12 inhabitants as practicable and thereafter the board shall redistrict the district into subdivisions as
13 soon as practicable after each United States decennial census. In establishing the subdistricts each
14 member shall have one vote and a majority vote of the total membership of the commission is
15 required to make effective any action of the commission.

16 3. School elections for the election of directors under subsection 1 of this section shall be
17 held on [municipal] the primary election days [in each even-numbered year], beginning in 2014.
18 [At the election in 1970, one member of the board of directors shall be elected by the voters of
19 each subdistrict. The seven candidates, one from each of the subdistricts, who receive a plurality
20 of the votes cast by the voters of that subdistrict shall be elected and the at-large candidate
21 receiving a plurality of the at-large votes shall be elected.] Beginning with the election of 2014,
22 there shall be seven members of the board; six shall reside in and be designated for election
23 according to subdistricts as provided in subsection 2 of this section but shall be elected by the
24 voters of the entire district; one shall reside anywhere in the district and shall be elected by the
25 entire district. In addition to other qualifications prescribed by law, each member [elected from a
26 subdistrict must] who runs for a subdistrict position shall be a resident of the subdistrict [from

1 which he is elected] for which he or she has declared candidacy. The subdistricts shall be
2 numbered from one to six [and the directors elected from subdistricts one, three and five shall
3 hold office for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and the
4 directors elected from subdistricts two, four and six shall hold office for terms of four years and
5 until their successors are elected and qualified]. Every two years thereafter a member of the board
6 of directors shall be elected for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and
7 qualified from each of the three subdistricts having a member on the board of directors whose
8 term expires in that year. [Those members of the board of directors who were in office in 1967
9 shall, when their terms of office expire, be succeeded by the members of the board of directors
10 elected from subdistricts. In addition to the directors elected by the voters of each subdistrict,
11 additional directors shall be elected at large by the voters of the entire school district as follows:
12 in 1970 one director at large shall be elected for a two-year term. In 1972 one director at large
13 shall be elected for a four-year term. In 1974 two at-large directors shall be elected for a four-year
14 term and thereafter in alternative elections one director shall be elected for a four-year term and
15 then two directors shall be elected for a four-year term, so that from and after the 1970 election
16 the board of directors not including those members who were in office in 1967 shall consist of
17 seven members until the 1974 election and thereafter the board shall consist of nine members.] In
18 those years in which one at-large director is to be elected each voter may vote for one candidate
19 and the candidate receiving a plurality of votes cast shall be elected. [In those years in which two
20 at-large directors are to be elected each voter may vote for two candidates and the two receiving
21 the largest number of votes cast shall be elected.]

22 4. [The six candidates, one from each of the subdistricts, who receive a plurality of the
23 votes cast by the voters of that subdistrict and the at-large candidates receiving a plurality of the
24 at-large votes shall be elected.] The name of no candidate for nomination shall be printed on the
25 ballot unless the candidate has at least sixty days prior to the election filed a declaration of
26 candidacy with the secretary of the board of directors containing the signatures of at least two

1 hundred fifty registered voters who are residents of the subdistrict within which the candidate for
2 nomination to a subdistrict office resides, and in case of at-large candidates the signatures of at
3 least five hundred registered voters. The election authority shall determine the validity of all
4 signatures on declarations of candidacy.

5 5. In any election [either for at-large candidates or candidates elected by the voters of
6 subdistricts,] if there are more than two candidates, a majority of the votes are not required to elect
7 but the candidate having a plurality of the votes [if there is only one office to be filled and the
8 candidates having the highest number of votes, if more than one office is to be filled,] shall be
9 elected.

10 6. The names of all candidates shall appear upon the ballot without party designation and
11 in the order of the priority of the times of filing their petitions of nomination. No candidate may
12 file both at large and from a subdistrict [and]. The names of all candidates shall appear only once
13 on the ballot[, nor may any candidate file more than one declaration of candidacy]. All
14 declarations shall designate the candidate's residence and whether the candidate is filing at large
15 or from a subdistrict and the numerical designation of the subdistrict [or at-large area].

16 7. The provisions of all sections relating to seven-director school districts shall also apply
17 to and govern urban districts in cities of more than three hundred thousand inhabitants, to the
18 extent applicable and not in conflict with the provisions of those sections specifically relating to
19 such urban districts.

20 8. Vacancies which occur on the school board between the dates of election shall be filled
21 by [special election if such vacancy happens more than six months prior to the time of holding a
22 general municipal election, as provided in section 115.121. The state board of education shall
23 order a special election to fill such a vacancy. A letter from the commissioner of education,
24 delivered by certified mail to the election authority or authorities that would normally conduct an
25 election for school board members shall be the authority for the election authority or authorities to
26 proceed with election procedures. If a vacancy occurs less than six months prior to the time of

1 holding a general municipal election, no special election shall occur and the vacancy shall be
2 filled at the next general municipal election.] the appointment of a qualified person by the mayor
3 of a home rule city of at least four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one
4 county if the vacancy occurs more than one hundred five days prior to the time of holding a
5 primary election.” ; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.