

HB 1818 -- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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This bill changes the laws regarding the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by requiring board members to be elected by the voters based on residence in Congressional districts rather than being appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Beginning with the general election in 2016, half of the existing eight positions would be elected for two-year terms and the remaining half for four-year terms based on his or her Congressional district number. A candidate must be at least 30 years old and have resided in the state for at least five years and the Congressional district for at least one year before the election. All subsequent terms must be for four years, and a person cannot serve more than two full terms or a total of eight years. The bill specifies the method for changing the number of positions on the board if the number of Congressional districts changes. The board must elect one of its members as president and one as vice president and may appoint any others it deems necessary. The bill establishes a recall process and the timetable for a recall. Any vacancy must be filled by an election within 90 days.

The bill becomes effective only upon passage of HJR 74 and voter approval of the constitutional amendment.