HB 442 -- SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBDISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Gray

This bill requires the Board of Election Commissioners to
establish, within a county with a charter form of government and a
population greater than 950,000, seven subdistricts for any school
district that is within or adjoining another school district that
itself is within, in whole or part, a street light maintenance
district with a population less than 3,000. The commissioners will
establish seven subdistricts for the purpose of electing directors
of the first mentioned school district.

The bill requires the subdistrict boundaries to be drawn within 60
days after the effective date and within six months after each
decennial census is reported to the President of the United States.
The criteria for dividing the subdistricts are specified in the
bill. If the commissioners cannot agree on the subdistrict
boundaries by the deadlines the governing body of the county must
draw the boundaries, as specified in the bill, and are not subject
to veto by the chief execute of the county.

This bill requires all board members elected or appointed in any
such district to be elected or appointed to represent one of the
subdistricts, beginning with the first general municipal election
or vacancy occurring after August 28, 2017. Each member must
reside for one year prior to the date of his or her election in the
subdistrict from which he or she is elected. The bill specifies
how a vacancy will be filled.

The bill specifies that elected members of the board in office on
August 28, 2017, shall hold office for the length of his or her
elected term and a member appointed to fill a vacancy in office
occurring after August 28, 2017, shall serve until the next general
municipal election. A vacancy of the board will be filled as
specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 2762 (2016).