

SCS SB 93 -- KANSAS CITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Curls (Cierpiot)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill modifies the initial terms of directors elected to the Kansas City Public Schools school board in 2019, such that the terms of office of directors are staggered. One at-large director and the directors of subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected to an initial two-year term. The other at-large director and the directors of subdistricts two and four shall be elected to a four-year term. In subsequent elections, all directors shall be elected to four-year terms.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will correct an error in previous legislation that resulted in non-staggered elections for the Kansas City School Board. This bill will ensure that a portion of the board is elected every two years after an initial election of the entire board in 2019. All other school districts have staggered elections.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Curls; AFT Missouri; Missouri School Board Association; and Kansas City Public Schools.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.