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# HOUSE BILL NO. 2478

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 79.050, 115.121, 162.083, 162.221, 162.223, 162.241, 162.261, 162.291, 162.301, 162.341, 162.431, 162.459, 162.471, 162.481, 162.492, 162.601, 162.821, 162.825, 162.865, 162.867, and 162.910, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections relating to elections, with a delayed effective date.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 79.050, 115.121, 162.083, 162.221, 162.223, 162.241, 162.261, 162.291, 162.301, 162.341, 162.431, 162.459, 162.471, 162.481, 162.492, 162.601, 162.821, 162.825, 162.865, 162.867, and 162.910, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 79.050, 115.121, 162.082, 162.083, 162.221, 162.223, 162.241, 162.261, 162.291, 162.301, 162.341, 162.431, 162.459, 162.471, 162.481, 162.492, 162.601, 162.821, 162.825, 162.865, 162.867, and 162.910, to read as follows:

79.050. 1. The following officers shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city, and shall hold office for the term of two years, except as otherwise provided in this section, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to wit: mayor and board of aldermen. The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance, after the approval of a majority of the voters voting at an election at which the issue is submitted, for the appointment of a collector and for the appointment of a chief of police, who shall perform all duties required of the marshal by law, and any other police officers found by the board of aldermen to be necessary for the good government of the city. The marshal or chief of police shall be twenty-one years of age or older. If the board of aldermen does not provide for the appointment of a chief of police and collector as provided by this section, a city marshal, who shall be twenty-one years of age or older, and collector shall be elected, and the board of aldermen may provide by ordinance that the same person may be

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

12 elected marshal and collector, at the same election, and hold both offices and the board of  
13 aldermen may provide by ordinance for the election of city assessor, city attorney, city clerk and  
14 street commissioner, who shall hold their respective offices for a term of two years and until their  
15 successors shall be elected or appointed and qualified, except that the term of the city marshal  
16 shall be four years.

17       2. The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance, after the approval of a majority of  
18 the voters voting thereon at the next municipal election at which the issue is submitted, that the  
19 term of the collector shall be four years and the term of the mayor shall be two~~[,three,]~~ or four  
20 years. Any person elected as collector after the passage of such an ordinance shall serve for a  
21 term of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Any person elected as mayor  
22 after the passage of such ordinance shall serve for a term of two~~[,three,]~~ or four years, as  
23 provided, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

24       3. The board of aldermen may provide by ordinance that the term of the board of  
25 aldermen shall be four years. Such ordinance shall be submitted by the board to the voters of the  
26 city and shall take effect only upon the approval of a majority of the voters voting at an election  
27 at which the issue is submitted. Any person elected to the board of aldermen after the passage  
28 of such an ordinance shall serve for a term of four years and until his successor is elected and  
29 qualified.

115.121. 1. The general election day shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
2 November of even-numbered years.

3       2. The primary election day shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August  
4 of even-numbered years.

5       3. The election day for the election of political subdivision and special district officers  
6 shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in ~~[April each year]~~ **November of even-**  
7 **numbered years**, and shall be known as the general municipal election day.

8       **4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a municipality may**  
9 **set no more than one term in office beginning after the effective date of this bill for either**  
10 **one or three years and thereafter shall comply with the municipal general election**  
11 **requirement of two or four year terms. No term in office shall extend more than four**  
12 **years. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to special charter cities as that term**  
13 **is defined in section 81.010.**

162.082. 1. Every school board member election shall be the first Tuesday after the  
2 first Monday in November of even-numbered years, and the term of every school board  
3 member elected in 2020 or thereafter shall be four years, except as specifically provided  
4 in other sections.

5           **2. No school board election shall be held in 2019 or any other odd-numbered year.**  
6 **Any school board member whose term expires in 2019 or any other odd-numbered year**  
7 **shall continue to serve until the election in the following even-numbered year. The term**  
8 **of any school board member serving a term as of January 1, 2019, may be lengthened in**  
9 **accordance with this section but shall not be shortened.**

10           **3. In an even-numbered year, the number of school board seats to be elected shall**  
11 **be equal to those with terms that would have expired in the previous odd-numbered year**  
12 **and those with terms expiring in such even-numbered year. Except as specifically provided**  
13 **in other sections, the candidates in each school board election receiving the highest number**  
14 **of votes shall be elected for terms of four years.**

15           **4. As used in this chapter, "school board member election" or "school board**  
16 **election" means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November**  
17 **in even-numbered years starting in 2020.**

162.083. 1. The state board of education may appoint additional members to any special  
2 administrative board appointed under section 162.081.

3           2. The state board of education may set a final term of office for any member of a special  
4 administrative board, after which a successor member shall be elected by the voters of the  
5 district.

6           (1) All final terms of office for members of the special administrative board established  
7 under this section shall expire on June thirtieth.

8           (2) The election of a successor member shall occur on the ~~[general municipal election~~  
9 ~~day]~~ **first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the even-numbered year**  
10 **immediately prior to the expiration of the final term of office.**

11           (3) The election shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the election laws  
12 applicable to the school district.

13           3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as barring an otherwise qualified member  
14 of the special administrative board from standing for an elected term on the board.

15           4. On a date set by the state board of education, any district operating under the  
16 governance of a special administrative board shall return to local governance, and continue  
17 operation as a school district as otherwise authorized by law.

162.221. 1. When the voters of any one or more districts as authorized in section  
2 162.211, except those districts designated in subdivision (2) thereof, desire to form a  
3 seven-director district, a petition signed by at least ten percent in number of those voting for  
4 school board members in the last ~~[annual]~~ school election in each district or one hundred voters,  
5 whichever is the higher number, shall be filed with the state board of education. On receipt of  
6 the petition, a representative of the state department of education, designated by the

7 commissioner of education, shall visit the districts and determine the exact boundaries of the  
8 proposed seven-director district. In determining these boundaries, he **or she** shall so locate the  
9 boundary lines as will in his **or her** judgment form the best possible seven-director district,  
10 having due regard also to the welfare of adjoining districts.

11 2. Within sixty days after the receipt of the petition, the commissioner of education shall  
12 submit the question to the voters of the proposed district. The notice shall include a statement  
13 of the purpose together with a plat of the proposed district. The state commissioner shall file a  
14 copy of the petition and of the plat with the county clerk. The election shall be conducted in the  
15 manner provided in section 162.191.

162.223. 1. When the voters in any two or more adjacent districts without limitation as  
2 to size or enrollment desire to consolidate and form a new district, a petition asking for an  
3 election upon the question of consolidation shall be filed with the boards of education of the  
4 affected districts; provided, however, that such petition shall be signed by ten percent of those  
5 in each district who voted for school directors at the last election in which such directors were  
6 elected, or one hundred voters, whichever is the higher number.

7 2. As an alternative to the procedure in subsection 1 of this section, two or more adjacent  
8 districts may, by a majority vote of each board of education, call for an election upon the  
9 question of consolidation.

10 3. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

11 Shall the . . . . . school district and the . . . . . school district (and the . . . . . school  
12 district) form a new district with a tax rate ceiling of . . . . . per one hundred dollars  
13 of assessed valuation? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the new  
14 school district is estimated to be . . . . . (amount) per one hundred dollars of assessed  
15 valuation.

16 4. The board of directors of each affected district shall cause the question to be included  
17 on the ballot to be submitted to the voters in each such district at the next election day. A plat  
18 of the proposed new district shall be published and posted with the notices of election.

19 5. The results of the voting on the proposal in each district affected shall be certified to  
20 the state commissioner of education by the secretary of each board of education of each district  
21 or by such other person or body charged with conducting such elections and, should the majority  
22 of the votes cast in each affected district be in favor of the proposal, the state commissioner shall  
23 declare the new district formed as of July first following the submission of the question.

24 6. If the commissioner of education declares, before the closing date for filing for the  
25 election of board members [~~on the municipal election date~~], that the new district is to be formed  
26 as of July first, no candidates shall be certified by the districts involved in the consolidation and  
27 the board members whose terms would otherwise have expired on that date shall remain as board

28 members until July first. In consolidation cases where there is insufficient time from the date  
29 the commissioner of education declares that the new district shall be formed as of July first and  
30 July first to hold an election of board members, seven board members from the boards of the  
31 consolidating districts shall be drawn by lot to serve until the next election at which the new  
32 board of education can be elected. The number of board members selected from one district  
33 shall not exceed the quotient resulting from seven divided by the number of districts  
34 consolidating rounded down to the nearest whole number plus one. The commissioner of  
35 education or a designee shall supervise the drawing, by lot, of the board members which shall  
36 be approved by the state board of education.

162.241. If a proposal to form a district pursuant to the provisions of sections 162.171  
2 to 162.191, 162.211 and 162.221, or section 162.223 receives the required majority of the votes  
3 cast on the proposition, the state board of education or the county commission, in the case of a  
4 district formed pursuant to the provisions of sections 162.171 to 162.191 or 162.211 and  
5 162.221, shall order an election in the district to be held. This election shall be for the purpose  
6 of electing seven members to serve on the school board of the district. Such election shall be  
7 held on the ~~[next election day as provided under section 115.123]~~ **first Tuesday after the first**  
8 **Monday in November of an even-numbered year.** The election shall be conducted in the  
9 manner provided by section 162.371. A letter from the commissioner of education, delivered  
10 by certified mail to the presiding commissioner of the county commission of the county to which  
11 the district formed by provisions of section 162.223 is assigned shall be the authority for the  
12 county commission to proceed with election procedures in the same manner as they would be  
13 performed by the district board of education were it in existence; but the costs of the election  
14 shall be paid from the incidental fund of the new district. ~~[Two]~~ **Three** directors shall be elected  
15 to serve ~~[until the next municipal election]~~ **two-year terms**, two to serve ~~[until the second~~  
16 ~~municipal election]~~ **four-year terms**, and two to serve ~~[until the third municipal election. The~~  
17 ~~seventh board member shall be elected to serve until the municipal election during which the~~  
18 ~~majority of school districts elect three board members]~~ **six-year terms. Any director elected**  
19 **after this initial election shall serve a four-year term.**

162.261. 1. The government and control of a seven-director school district, other than  
2 an urban district, is vested in a board of education of seven members, who hold their office for  
3 ~~[three]~~ **four** years, except as provided in section 162.241, and until their successors are duly  
4 elected and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by the remaining  
5 members of the board; except that if there are more than two vacancies at any one time, the  
6 county commission upon receiving written notice of the vacancies shall fill the vacancies by  
7 appointment. If there are more than two vacancies at any one time in a county without a county  
8 commission, the county executive upon receiving written notice of the vacancies shall fill the

9 vacancies, with the advice and consent of the county council, by appointment. The person  
10 appointed shall hold office until the next ~~[municipal]~~ election, when a director shall be elected  
11 for the unexpired term.

12 2. No seven-director, urban, or metropolitan school district board of education shall hire  
13 a spouse of any member of such board for a vacant or newly created position unless the position  
14 has been advertised pursuant to board policy and the superintendent of schools submits a written  
15 recommendation for the employment of the spouse to the board of education. The names of all  
16 applicants as well as the name of the applicant hired for the position are to be included in the  
17 board minutes.

18 3. The provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Missouri Constitution apply to school  
19 districts.

162.291. The voters of each seven-director district other than urban districts shall, ~~[at~~  
2 ~~municipal elections]~~ **on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-**  
3 **numbered years**, elect ~~[two]~~ directors ~~[who are citizens of the United States and resident~~  
4 ~~taxpayers of the district, who]~~ **in accordance with the provisions of section 162.082. Such**  
5 **directors shall** have resided in this state for one year next preceding their election or  
6 appointment, and ~~[who are]~~ **be** at least twenty-four years of age.

162.301. 1. Within fourteen days after the election of the first school board in each  
2 seven-director district, other than an urban district, and within fourteen days after each ~~[annual]~~  
3 election, the board shall meet. The newly elected members shall qualify by taking the oath of  
4 office prescribed by Article VII, Section 11, of the Constitution of Missouri.

5 2. The board shall organize by the election of a president and vice president, and the  
6 board shall, on or before the fifteenth day of ~~[July of each year]~~ **January in odd-numbered**  
7 **years**, elect a secretary and a treasurer, who shall enter upon their respective duties on the  
8 fifteenth day of ~~[July]~~ **January**. The secretary and treasurer may be or may not be members of  
9 the board. No compensation shall be granted to either the secretary or the treasurer until his **or**  
10 **her** report and settlement are made and filed or published as the law directs.

11 3. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, but no  
12 contract shall be let, person employed, bill approved or warrant ordered unless a majority of the  
13 whole board votes therefor.

162.341. The ~~[annual]~~ **school board member** election in seven-director districts~~[, except~~  
2 ~~urban districts,]~~ shall be held on ~~[municipal election days]~~ **the first Tuesday after the first**  
3 **Monday in November of even-numbered years**.

162.431. 1. When it is necessary to change the boundary lines between seven-director  
2 school districts, in each district affected, ten percent of the voters by number of those voting for  
3 school board members in the last ~~[annual]~~ school election in each district may petition the district

4 boards of education in the districts affected, regardless of county lines, for a change in  
5 boundaries. The question shall be submitted at the next election, as the term election is  
6 referenced and defined in section 115.123.

7         2. The voters shall decide the question by a majority vote of those who vote upon the  
8 question. If assent to the change is given by each of the various districts voting, each voting  
9 separately, the boundaries are changed from that date.

10         3. If one of the districts votes against the change and the other votes for the change, the  
11 matter may be appealed to the state board of education, in writing, within fifteen days of the  
12 submission of the question by either one of the districts affected, or in the above event by a  
13 majority of the signers of the petition requesting a vote on the proposal. At the first meeting of  
14 the state board following the appeal, a board of arbitration composed of three members, none of  
15 whom shall be a resident of any district affected, shall be appointed. In determining whether it  
16 is necessary to change the boundary line between seven-director districts, the board of arbitration  
17 shall base its decision upon the following:

18             (1) The presence of school-aged children in the affected area;

19             (2) The presence of actual educational harm to school-aged children, either due to a  
20 significant difference in the time involved in transporting students or educational deficiencies  
21 in the district which would have its boundary adversely affected; and

22             (3) The presence of an educational necessity, not of a commercial benefit to landowners  
23 or to the district benefitting for the proposed boundary adjustment.

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25 For purposes of subdivision (2) of this subsection, "significant difference in the time involved  
26 in transporting students" shall mean a difference of forty-five minutes or more per trip in travel  
27 time. "Travel time" is the period of time required to transport a pupil from the pupil's place of  
28 residence or other designated pick-up point to the site of the pupil's educational placement.

29         4. Within twenty days after notification of appointment, the board of arbitration shall  
30 meet and consider the necessity for the proposed changes and shall decide whether the  
31 boundaries shall be changed as requested in the petition or be left unchanged, which decision  
32 shall be final. The decision by the board of arbitration shall be rendered not more than thirty  
33 days after the matter is referred to the board. The ~~[chairman]~~ **chair** of the board of arbitration  
34 shall transmit the decision to the secretary of each district affected who shall enter the same upon  
35 the records of his **or her** district and the boundaries shall thereafter be in accordance with the  
36 decision of the board of arbitration. The members of the board of arbitration shall be allowed  
37 a fee of fifty dollars each, to be paid at the time the appeal is made by the district taking the  
38 appeal or by the petitioners should they institute the appeal.

39           5. If the board of arbitration decides that the boundaries shall be left unchanged, no new  
40 petition for the same, or substantially the same, boundary change between the same districts shall  
41 be filed until after the expiration of two years from the date of the municipal election at which  
42 the question was submitted to the voters of the districts.

          162.459. 1. Notwithstanding other provisions of law to the contrary, the school board  
2 of each school district designated in the statutes as a seven-director or urban school district shall  
3 consist of seven members. ~~[At the first election for members of the school board in each of such~~  
4 ~~districts after January 1, 1993, and each three years thereafter, three members of the school board~~  
5 ~~shall be elected; except, no school district composed of seven members as of January 1, 1993,~~  
6 ~~shall be required to modify its schedule of electing board members]~~ **For all board members**  
7 **serving terms as of January 1, 2019, their terms shall be modified in accordance with the**  
8 **provisions of section 162.082. The term of every board member elected in 2020 or**  
9 **thereafter shall be four years.**

10           2. Provisions of law applicable to seven-director and urban school districts, except those  
11 which conflict with the provisions of this section, shall apply to and govern the school districts  
12 designated in subsection 1 of this section.

          162.471. The government and control of an urban school district is vested in a board of  
2 seven directors. Each director shall be a voter of the district who has resided within this state  
3 for one year next preceding his **or her** election or appointment and who is at least twenty-four  
4 years of age. All directors **elected in 2020 or thereafter**, except as otherwise provided in  
5 section 162.481 and section 162.492, hold their offices for ~~[six]~~ **four** years and until their  
6 successors are duly elected and qualified. **The term of any board member serving a six-year**  
7 **term on January 1, 2019, shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of section**  
8 **162.082.** All vacancies occurring in the board, except as provided in section 162.492, shall be  
9 filled by appointment by the board as soon as practicable, and the person appointed shall hold  
10 his **or her** office until the next school board election, when his **or her** successor shall be elected  
11 for the remainder of the unexpired term. The power of the board to perform any official duty  
12 during the existence of a vacancy continues unimpaired thereby.

13           162.481. 1. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[this section and in]~~ section 162.492, all  
14 elections of school directors in urban school districts shall be held biennially ~~[at the same times~~  
15 ~~and places as municipal elections]~~ **on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November**  
16 **of even-numbered years.**

17           2. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[subsections]~~ **subsection 3** ~~[, 4, and 5]~~ of this section,  
18 hereafter when a seven-director district becomes an urban school district, the directors of the  
19 prior seven-director district shall continue as directors of the urban school district until the  
20 expiration of the terms for which they were elected and until their successors are elected as



21 provided in this subsection. The first biennial school election for directors shall be held in the  
22 urban school district at the time provided in subsection 1 **of this section** which is on the date of  
23 or subsequent to the expiration of the terms of the directors of the prior district which are first  
24 to expire, and directors shall be elected to succeed the directors of the prior district whose terms  
25 have expired. If the terms of two directors only have expired, the directors elected at the first  
26 biennial school election in the urban school district shall be elected for terms of six years. If the  
27 terms of four directors have expired, two directors shall be elected for terms of six years and two  
28 shall be elected for terms of four years. At the next succeeding biennial election held in the  
29 urban school district, successors for the remaining directors of the prior seven-director district  
30 shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected they shall be elected for terms of six years  
31 each. If four directors are to be elected, two shall be elected for terms of six years and two shall  
32 be elected for terms of two years. After seven directors of the urban school district have been  
33 elected under this subsection, their successors shall be elected for terms of ~~[six]~~ **four** years.

34 3. ~~[In any school district in which a majority of the district is located in any home rule~~  
35 ~~city with more than one hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand~~  
36 ~~inhabitants, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal~~  
37 ~~elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and~~  
38 ~~until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after August~~  
39 ~~28, 1998.~~

40 ~~4.]~~ For any school district which becomes an urban school district by reason of the  
41 ~~[2000]~~ **2020** federal decennial census, elections shall be held ~~[annually at the same times and~~  
42 ~~places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire]~~ **on the first**  
43 **Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years**, and the terms shall  
44 be for ~~[three]~~ **four** years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors  
45 elected on and after ~~[August 28, 2001]~~ **November 8, 2022.**

46 ~~[5. In any school district in any county with a charter form of government and with more~~  
47 ~~than three hundred thousand but fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which~~  
48 ~~becomes an urban school district by reason of the 2010 federal decennial census, elections shall~~  
49 ~~be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where~~  
50 ~~one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and until their successors are~~  
51 ~~duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after April 2, 2012.~~

52 ~~6. In any urban school district in a county of the first classification with more than~~  
53 ~~eighty-three thousand but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and with a home rule city~~  
54 ~~with more than seventy-six thousand but fewer than ninety-one thousand inhabitants as the~~  
55 ~~county seat, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal~~  
56 ~~elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and upon expiration of any term after~~

57 ~~August 28, 2015, the term of office shall be for three years and until their successors are duly~~  
58 ~~elected and qualified.]~~

162.492. 1. In all urban districts containing the greater part of the population of a city  
2 which has more than three hundred thousand inhabitants, the election authority of the city in  
3 which the greater portion of the school district lies, and of the county if the district includes  
4 territory not within the city limits, shall serve ex officio as a redistricting commission. The  
5 commission shall on or before November 1, 2018, divide the school district into five subdistricts,  
6 all subdistricts being of compact and contiguous territory and as nearly equal in the number of  
7 inhabitants as practicable and thereafter the board shall redistrict the district into subdivisions  
8 as soon as practicable after each United States decennial census. In establishing the subdistricts  
9 each member shall have one vote and a majority vote of the total membership of the commission  
10 is required to make effective any action of the commission.

11 2. School elections for the election of directors shall be held on municipal election days  
12 in 2014 and 2016. At the election in 2014, directors shall be elected to hold office until 2019 and  
13 until their successors are elected and qualified. At the election in 2016, directors shall be elected  
14 until 2019 and until their successors are elected and qualified. Beginning in ~~[2019]~~ **2020**, school  
15 **board member** elections for the election of directors shall be held on the ~~[local election date as~~  
16 ~~specified in the charter of a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and~~  
17 ~~located in more than one county]~~ **first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-**  
18 **numbered years. Any board member whose term expires in 2019 shall continue to serve**  
19 **until the elections in 2020.** Beginning at the election for school directors in ~~[2019]~~ **2020**, the  
20 number of directors on the board shall be reduced from nine to seven. Two directors shall be  
21 at-large directors and five directors shall represent the subdistricts, with one director from each  
22 of the subdistricts. At the ~~[2019]~~ **2020** election, one of the at-large directors and the directors  
23 from subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected for a two-year term, and the other at-large  
24 director and the directors from subdistricts two and four shall be elected for a four-year term.  
25 Thereafter, all seven directors shall serve a four-year term. Directors shall serve until the next  
26 election and until their successors, then elected, are duly qualified as provided in this section.  
27 In addition to other qualifications prescribed by law, each member elected from a subdistrict  
28 shall be a resident of the subdistrict from which he or she is elected. The subdistricts shall be  
29 numbered from one to five.

30 3. The five candidates, one from each of the subdistricts, who receive a plurality of the  
31 votes cast by the voters of that subdistrict and the at-large candidates receiving a plurality of the  
32 at-large votes shall be elected. The name of no candidate for nomination shall be printed on the  
33 ballot unless the candidate has at least sixty days prior to the election filed a declaration of  
34 candidacy with the secretary of the board of directors containing the signatures of at least two

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

39 4. In any election either for at-large candidates or candidates elected by the voters of  
40 subdistricts, if there are more than two candidates, a majority of the votes are not required to  
41 elect but the candidate having a plurality of the votes shall be elected.

42 5. The names of all candidates shall appear upon the ballot without party designation and  
43 in the order of the priority of the times of filing their petitions of nomination. No candidate may  
44 file both at large and from a subdistrict and the names of all candidates shall appear only once  
45 on the ballot, nor may any candidate file more than one declaration of candidacy. All  
46 declarations shall designate the candidate's residence and whether the candidate is filing at large  
47 or from a subdistrict and the numerical designation of the subdistrict or at-large area.

48 6. The provisions of all sections relating to seven-director school districts shall also  
49 apply to and govern urban districts in cities of more than three hundred thousand inhabitants, to  
50 the extent applicable and not in conflict with the provisions of those sections specifically relating  
51 to such urban districts.

52 7. Vacancies which occur on the school board between the dates of election shall be  
53 filled by special election if such vacancy happens more than six months prior to the time of  
54 holding an election as provided in subsection 2 of this section. The state board of education shall  
55 order a special election to fill such a vacancy. A letter from the commissioner of education,  
56 delivered by certified mail to the election authority or authorities that would normally conduct  
57 an election for school board members shall be the authority for the election authority or  
58 authorities to proceed with election procedures. If a vacancy occurs less than six months prior  
59 to the time of holding an election as provided in subsection 2 of this section, no special election  
60 shall occur and the vacancy shall be filled at the next **school board member** election day ~~[on~~  
61 ~~which local elections are held as specified in the charter of any home rule city with more than~~  
62 ~~four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county].~~

162.601. 1. ~~[Elected members of the board in office on August 28, 1998, shall hold~~  
2 ~~office for the length of term for which they were elected, and any members appointed pursuant~~  
3 ~~to section 162.611 to fill vacancies left by elected members in office on August 28, 1998, shall~~  
4 ~~serve for the remainder of the term to which the replaced member was elected.]~~

5 ~~———2. No board members shall be elected at the first municipal election in an odd-numbered~~  
6 ~~year next following August 28, 1998.]~~

7 ~~———3. Three board members shall be elected at the second municipal election in an~~  
8 ~~odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, to serve four-year terms.]~~

9 ~~4. Four board members shall be elected at the third municipal election in an~~  
10 ~~odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, and two of such members shall be elected~~  
11 ~~to four-year terms and two of such members shall be elected to three-year terms. For the two~~  
12 ~~members elected at the municipal election in 2006, the terms of such members shall expire after~~  
13 ~~their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to subsection 6 of this section.~~

14 ~~5. Beginning with the fourth municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following~~  
15 ~~August 28, 1998, and at each succeeding municipal election in a year during which board~~  
16 ~~member terms expire, there shall be elected members of the board of education, who shall~~  
17 ~~assume the duties of their office at the first regular meeting of the board of education after their~~  
18 ~~election, and who shall hold office for four years, and until their successors are elected and~~  
19 ~~qualified.~~

20 ~~6. For the two board members who are elected at the municipal election in 2006, their~~  
21 ~~successors thereafter shall be elected at the general election in the year in which their terms~~  
22 ~~expire] All board members shall be elected at elections held on the first Tuesday after the~~  
23 **first Monday in November of even-numbered years. For all board members serving terms**  
24 **as of January 1, 2019, their terms shall be modified in accordance with the provisions of**  
25 **section 162.082. The term of every board member elected in 2020 or thereafter shall be**  
26 **four years.**

27 [7:] 2. Members of the board of directors shall be elected to represent seven subdistricts.  
28 The subdistricts shall be established by the state board of education to be compact, contiguous  
29 and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be revised by the state  
30 board of education after each decennial census and at any other time the state board determines  
31 that the district's demographics have changed sufficiently to warrant redistricting.

32 [8:] 3. A member shall reside in and be elected in the subdistrict which the member is  
33 elected to represent. Subdistrict 1 shall be comprised of wards 1, 2, 22 and 27. Subdistrict 2 shall  
34 be comprised of wards 3, 4, 5 and 21. Subdistrict 3 shall be comprised of wards 18, 19, 20 and  
35 26. Subdistrict 4 shall be comprised of wards 6, 7, 17 and 28. Subdistrict 5 shall be comprised  
36 of wards 9, 10, 11 and 12. Subdistrict 6 shall be comprised of wards 13, 14, 16 and 25.  
37 Subdistrict 7 shall be comprised of wards 8, 15, 23 and 24.

162.821. The district secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all ~~[annual and~~  
2 ~~special]~~ elections of the voters of the district and of the proceedings of the board of education.  
3 He **or she** shall make copies of the election notices, contracts with teachers, certificates and all  
4 other papers relating to the business of the district, and securely keep the same. He **or she** shall  
5 maintain a correct plat of the district and shall promptly notify the department of elementary and  
6 secondary education and the county clerk of each county affected of all changes in the boundaries  
7 of the district. He **or she** shall transmit to the county commission and to the state department

8 of elementary and secondary education, on or before the fifteenth day of August in each year, a  
9 report embracing the following items:

- 10 (1) The number of children, male and female, attending the public schools during the  
11 year;
- 12 (2) Total number of days' attendance by all such children;
- 13 (3) The number of days the public schools of the district have been maintained during  
14 the school year;
- 15 (4) The number of teachers employed, male and female, and the wages per month of  
16 each;
- 17 (5) Estimated value of school property owned and managed by the district;
- 18 (6) Assessed valuation of the district;
- 19 (7) Rate of school tax on the assessed valuation of the district;
- 20 (8) Cash on hand at the beginning of the year;
- 21 (9) Tuition fees received and credited to the teachers' fund of the district;
- 22 (10) Public funds received by county treasurer;
- 23 (11) District tax received by county (or township) treasurer;
- 24 (12) Amount paid on teachers' wages;
- 25 (13) Amount paid for incidental expenses;
- 26 (14) Amount expended for purchasing site, erecting schoolhouses, rent and repairs;
- 27 (15) Amount expended in cancelling bonded indebtedness and paying interest on same;
- 28 (16) Amount expended for library;
- 29 (17) Cash on hand at the end of the year; **and**
- 30 (18) Such other information as may be required by the state board of education.

162.825. Whenever there is presented to the state board of education a petition signed  
2 by voters in each district in the proposed special district equal in number in each district to five  
3 percent of the number of votes cast for school board members in the last ~~[annual]~~ school election  
4 praying (a) that a special school district embracing the entire area described in the petition be  
5 organized for the education and training of handicapped and severely handicapped children and  
6 for vocational education purposes; and (b) that a proposal be submitted to the voters of the  
7 proposed district for the organization of the special school district, the state board of education,  
8 unless section 162.835 applies, shall, within thirty days of the receipt of said petition, direct the  
9 board of education of each school district comprising the proposed special district to cause the  
10 proposal to be submitted to the voters in each such district at the next ~~[municipal]~~ **school board**  
11 **member** election or, if the next ~~[annual]~~ school **board member** election is more than sixty days  
12 away, cause the proposal to be submitted to the voters in each such district at a special election  
13 called in accordance with law on a date set by the state board of education. The election shall

14 be conducted in each school district comprising the proposed special district in the manner  
15 provided by law for the conducting of school district elections generally in sections 162.351 and  
16 162.601, unless a different procedure is specifically provided in sections 162.670 to ~~[162.995]~~  
17 **162.974**.

162.865. The board members of a special school district with a population of not more  
2 than one hundred thousand persons shall be elected at large. The seven receiving the largest  
3 number of votes shall be elected and the three receiving the highest number of votes cast shall  
4 be elected for terms of ~~[three]~~ **six** years each; the two receiving the next highest number of votes  
5 cast shall be elected for terms of ~~[two]~~ **four** years each; and the two receiving the next highest  
6 number of votes cast shall be elected for terms of ~~[one year]~~ **two years** each. ~~[That part of the~~  
7 ~~year between the date of the election of board members and the municipal election day of the~~  
8 ~~following year is considered a full year in the terms of the members elected.]~~ All board members  
9 shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified and the state board of education shall  
10 issue certificates of election to the board members elected.

162.867. 1. Board of education members of a special school district with a population  
2 of more than one hundred thousand persons in office on August 28, 1999, shall serve the  
3 remainder of their terms and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified  
4 pursuant to this section.

5 2. On and after August 28, 1999, each new member of a board of education of a special  
6 school district with a population of more than one hundred thousand persons shall be elected  
7 pursuant to this section by the governing council established pursuant to section 162.856.

8 3. Pursuant to this section, each qualified candidate for the board of education of a  
9 special school district with a population of more than one hundred thousand persons shall:

10 (1) Be a voter of the district who has resided within the state for one year next preceding  
11 selection to the board and is resident in the subdistrict in which the candidate files; **and**

12 (2) Be at least twenty-four years of age.

13 4. No member of the board of education of a special school district with a population of  
14 more than one hundred thousand persons shall:

15 (1) Vote on, solicit, transact, offer, or accept any contract between the special school  
16 district and any corporation, partnership, association, or other organization in which that member  
17 of the board of education has a financial interest, unless otherwise provided herein, excluding  
18 interests owned prior to such member's election;

19 (2) Hold any office or employment of profit from the board of education of the special  
20 school district while serving. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a  
21 person from being elected to or serving on the board of education of the special school district

22 on the basis that the person is related to a pupil of the special school district or to a pupil of any  
23 school district all or a portion of which is contained within the special school district; or

24 (3) Vote on, solicit, transact, offer, or accept any contract or procurement in which that  
25 board member shall have a direct or indirect beneficial interest, unless:

26 (a) The material facts as to such member's relationship or interest and as to the contract  
27 or transaction are disclosed in writing and are known to the board and governing council, and  
28 such governing council and board, in good faith, authorize the contract or transaction by the  
29 affirmative vote of the majority of the disinterested members; and

30 (b) Such member's relationship or interest in such contract or transaction shall not be  
31 voted upon by such interested member.

32 5. ~~Beginning in April, 1997, and every third year thereafter, two members shall be~~  
33 ~~elected. Beginning in April, 1998, and every third year thereafter, two members shall be elected.~~  
34 ~~Beginning in April, 1999, and every third year thereafter, three members shall be elected]~~ **For**  
35 **all board members serving terms as of January 1, 2019, their terms shall be modified in**  
36 **accordance with the provisions of section 162.082. The term of every board member**  
37 **elected in 2020 or thereafter shall be four years.** A member shall be elected to fill each open  
38 seat on the board of education.

39 6. Board members **elected in 2020 or thereafter** shall serve ~~[three-year]~~ **four-year**  
40 terms and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

41 7. The board of education shall, upon formation and each decade within ninety days  
42 following the publication of the final decennial census figures thereafter, adopt a resolution  
43 calling for the formation of a redistricting committee. Upon adoption of such resolution, the  
44 secretary of the board of education shall forward a certified copy thereof to the state board of  
45 education. The redistricting committee shall consist of three residents within the district,  
46 appointed by the board of education of the special school district, plus three additional persons  
47 resident within the special school district, appointed by the state board of education. Thereafter,  
48 the redistricting committee shall meet, organize itself with a ~~[chairman]~~ **chair** and secretary, and  
49 proceed with the adoption of a redistricting plan. Any plan proposed to be adopted must receive  
50 approval of a majority of the whole redistricting committee. Upon adoption, the redistricting  
51 committee shall forward a copy of the plan certified by the secretary of the redistricting  
52 committee to the state board of education for its approval or disapproval. The state board of  
53 education shall approve any redistricting plan which divides the special district into seven  
54 subdistricts of equal population, taking into account insofar as possible existing school district  
55 boundary lines. Upon approval by the state board of education, the redistricting plan shall  
56 become effective and all board members selected thereafter shall be selected from subdistricts  
57 in which they are resident. If the plan is not approved, then it shall be returned to the

58 redistricting committee for revision and resubmission. If a redistricting plan has not been  
59 adopted within one year after the publication of the decennial census figures, the state board of  
60 education shall provide the redistricting plan. No member of the redistricting committee shall  
61 serve on the board of education for a period of six years following such service on the  
62 redistricting committee.

63 8. The structure of the board of education and the selection of members of the board of  
64 education of a special school district with a population of more than one hundred thousand  
65 persons shall be as established pursuant to this section, except as may be otherwise approved by  
66 the voters of the special school district under section 162.858.

162.910. At the elections conducted pursuant to section 162.865, the voters of a special  
2 district with a population of not more than one hundred thousand persons shall elect, by ballot,  
3 two board members to succeed those whose terms have expired and the board members so  
4 elected shall hold office for terms of ~~[three]~~ **four** years and until their successors have been  
5 elected and qualified and shall assume the duties of their offices at the first regular meeting of  
6 the board of education held after their election. Candidates shall file their declarations of  
7 candidacy for office of board member with the secretary of the board of education of the special  
8 school district. A majority of the then qualified members of the board of education of the special  
9 school district shall certify the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for terms of  
10 ~~[three]~~ **four** years each and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, and shall  
11 declare and certify the results of the vote cast on any question presented at the election.

Section B. The enactment of section 162.082 and the repeal and reenactment of sections  
2 162.083, 162.221, 162.223, 162.241, 162.261, 162.291, 162.301, 162.341, 162.431, 162.459,  
3 162.471, 162.481, 162.492, 162.601, 162.821, 162.825, 162.865, 162.867, and 162.910 of this  
4 act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

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