

HB 2933 -- SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

SPONSOR: Christ

This bill provides a withdrawal process for any school district that is part of a special school district. The bill requires that the school board of the school district that wants to withdraw approve a resolution for a public vote to withdraw and if so desired impose an additional levy to provide for services that the special school district has provided. Such proposed levy may not exceed the withdrawing school district's proportion of levy paid to the special school district.

The bill provides sample ballot language and the process for notification of the local election authority. If the majority at the next available day for school district elections vote to withdraw, the school board must notify the State Board of Education and the school board of the special school district and, beginning on July 1 of the second school year following the vote, the school district will no longer be included in the special school district. The special school district tax levy concludes June 30th the year of withdrawal.

This bill requires that the county collector prorate the taxes imposed on each item or parcel of property so as to collect the proportional share for the school district and the special school district. Additionally, the withdrawing school district must return property, facilities, equipment, and other assets and assume proportional bonded indebtedness.

If a majority of the vote is to remain within the special school district the question to withdraw may not be considered again for 12 months.

The State Board of Education will appoint a person to supervise the disposition of property and indebtedness and has rule making authority.