
Education Committee

HB 2154

Brief Description: Regarding election dates for educational service district board members.

Sponsors: Representatives Fromhold, Priest, P. Sullivan, Quall, Kenney and Moeller; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the date of elections for boards of educational service districts with one or more members whose terms expire the following January from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years.

Hearing Date: 2/23/07

Staff: Anne Woodward (786-7119).

Background:

Prior to 2006, the State Board of Education's (SBE) statutory duties included conducting Educational Service District (ESD) elections. Elections of ESD board members were held every odd-numbered year in ESDs in which a board member's term expired the following January. ESD board members hold four-year terms, and are elected on a rotating cycle. SBE was also required to: (1) provide notice of the election to each member of the board of directors in each school district in the ESD; and (2) establish instructions and rules for the conduct of the election.

In 2006 the Legislature transferred certain duties from SBE to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI). This included giving SPI the responsibility to conduct elections for ESD board members. SPI is directed to call an election by August 25 of every even-numbered year in each ESD with a member of the board whose term of office expires the following January. In addition, SPI is responsible for providing notice and for establishing instructions and rules.

Summary of Bill:

The date of elections for educational service districts with one or more members whose terms expire the following January is changed from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.