
Education Committee

SB 6183

Brief Description: Providing a process for the dissolution of first-class school directors' districts.

Sponsors: Senators Parlette, McAuliffe, Brandland, Tom, King, Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, Weinstein, Eide, Zarelli, Rasmussen, Hewitt, Oemig and Shin.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides first-class school districts the same election process available to second-class school districts to change from director districts to a combination of director districts and at-large directors.

Hearing Date: 2/21/08

Staff: Cece Clynch (786-7195).

Background:

Any school district with a student enrollment in its public schools of 2,000 or more is a school district of the first class. Any other is a school district of the second class.

Current law provides an election process for a second-class school district, that is divided into director districts, to dissolve director districts and change to a combination of director districts and at-large positions. There is no such process available to first-class school districts.

Summary of Bill:

First-class school districts that are divided into director districts may utilize the same election process currently available to second-class school districts to change to a combination of no fewer than three director districts and no more than two at-large positions. The process requires a resolution adopted by the board of directors *or* a written petition signed by at least 20 percent of the registered voters of the school district. Upon receipt of such a resolution or petition, the Educational Service District superintendent shall form the question to be submitted to the voters

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and give notice to the county auditor. The county auditor then shall call a special election of the voters of the entire school district to approve or reject the proposal.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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