

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 497, Page 15, Section 160.665, Line 71,  
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "162.471. 1. The government and control of an urban school district is vested in a board of  
5 seven directors.

6 2. Except as provided in section 162.563, each director shall be a voter of the district who  
7 has resided within this state for one year next preceding the director's election or appointment and  
8 who is at least twenty-four years of age. All directors, except as otherwise provided in sections  
9 162.481, 162.492, and 162.563, shall hold their offices for six years and until their successors are  
10 duly elected and qualified. All vacancies occurring in the board~~[, except as provided in section~~  
11 ~~162.492,]~~ shall be filled by appointment by the board as soon as practicable, and the person  
12 appointed shall hold office until the next school board election, when a successor shall be elected for  
13 the remainder of the unexpired term. The power of the board to perform any official duty during the  
14 existence of a vacancy continues unimpaired thereby.

15 162.492. 1. In all urban districts containing the greater part of the population of a city  
16 which has more than three hundred thousand inhabitants, the election authority of the city in which  
17 the greater portion of the school district lies, and of the county if the district includes territory not  
18 within the city limits, shall serve ex officio as a redistricting commission. The commission shall on  
19 or before November 1, 2018, divide the school district into five subdistricts, all subdistricts being of  
20 compact and contiguous territory and as nearly equal in the number of inhabitants as practicable and  
21 thereafter the board shall redistrict the district into subdivisions as soon as practicable after each  
22 United States decennial census. In establishing the subdistricts each member shall have one vote  
23 and a majority vote of the total membership of the commission is required to make effective any  
24 action of the commission.

25 2. School elections for the election of directors shall be held on municipal election days in  
26 2014 and 2016. At the election in 2014, directors shall be elected to hold office until 2019 and until  
27 their successors are elected and qualified. At the election in 2016, directors shall be elected until  
28 2019 and until their successors are elected and qualified. Beginning in 2019, school elections for  
29 the election of directors shall be held on the local election date as specified in the charter of a home  
30 rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county.

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 Beginning at the election for school directors in 2019, the number of directors on the board shall be  
2 reduced from nine to seven. Two directors shall be at-large directors and five directors shall  
3 represent the subdistricts, with one director from each of the subdistricts. At the 2019 election, one  
4 of the at-large directors and the directors from subdistricts one, three, and five shall be elected for a  
5 two-year term, and the other at-large director and the directors from subdistricts two and four shall  
6 be elected for a four-year term. Thereafter, all seven directors shall serve a four-year term.  
7 Directors shall serve until the next election and until their successors, then elected, are duly  
8 qualified as provided in this section. In addition to other qualifications prescribed by law, each  
9 member elected from a subdistrict shall be a resident of the subdistrict from which he or she is  
10 elected. The subdistricts shall be numbered from one to five.

11 3. The five candidates, one from each of the subdistricts, who receive a plurality of the votes  
12 cast by the voters of that subdistrict and the at-large candidates receiving a plurality of the at-large  
13 votes shall be elected. The name of no candidate for nomination shall be printed on the ballot unless  
14 the candidate has at least sixty days prior to the election filed a declaration of candidacy with the  
15 secretary of the board of directors containing the signatures of at least two hundred fifty registered  
16 voters who are residents of the subdistrict within which the candidate for nomination to a subdistrict  
17 office resides, and in case of at-large candidates the signatures of at least five hundred registered  
18 voters. The election authority shall determine the validity of all signatures on declarations of  
19 candidacy.

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

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

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

33 7. Vacancies which occur on the school board ~~between the dates of election shall be filled~~  
34 ~~by special election if such vacancy happens more than six months prior to the time of holding an~~  
35 ~~election as provided in subsection 2 of this section. The state board of education shall order a~~  
36 ~~special election to fill such a vacancy. A letter from the commissioner of education, delivered by~~  
37 ~~certified mail to the election authority or authorities that would normally conduct an election for~~  
38 ~~school board members shall be the authority for the election authority or authorities to proceed with~~  
39 ~~election procedures. If a vacancy occurs less than six months prior to the time of holding an~~

1 ~~election as provided in subsection 2 of this section, no special election shall occur and the vacancy~~  
2 ~~shall be filled at the next election day on which local elections are held as specified in the charter of~~  
3 ~~any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one~~  
4 ~~county] shall be filled in the manner provided in section 162.471.~~

5 162.611. Any member failing to attend the meetings of the board for three consecutive  
6 regular meetings, unless excused by the board for reasons satisfactory to the board, shall be deemed  
7 to have vacated his or her seat; and the secretary of the board shall certify that fact to the [~~mayor~~]  
8 board. The secretary shall likewise certify to the [~~mayor~~] board any other vacancy occurring in the  
9 board. Any vacancy shall be filled by the [~~mayor~~] board by appointment for the remainder of the  
10 term."; and

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12 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
13 accordingly.