

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill Nos. 411 & 230, Page 16, Section 161.670, Line 483,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "162.471. 1. The government and control of an urban
4 school district is vested in a board of seven directors.

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

20 162.492. 1. In all urban districts containing the
21 greater part of the population of a city which has more than
22 three hundred thousand inhabitants, the election authority
23 of the city in which the greater portion of the school
24 district lies, and of the county if the district includes
25 territory not within the city limits, shall serve ex officio
26 as a redistricting commission. The commission shall on or

27 before November 1, 2018, divide the school district into
28 five subdistricts, all subdistricts being of compact and
29 contiguous territory and as nearly equal in the number of
30 inhabitants as practicable and thereafter the board shall
31 redistrict the district into subdivisions as soon as
32 practicable after each United States decennial census. In
33 establishing the subdistricts each member shall have one
34 vote and a majority vote of the total membership of the
35 commission is required to make effective any action of the
36 commission.

37 2. School elections for the election of directors
38 shall be held on municipal election days in 2014 and 2016.
39 At the election in 2014, directors shall be elected to hold
40 office until 2019 and until their successors are elected and
41 qualified. At the election in 2016, directors shall be
42 elected until 2019 and until their successors are elected
43 and qualified. Beginning in 2019, school elections for the
44 election of directors shall be held on the local election
45 date as specified in the charter of a home rule city with
46 more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in
47 more than one county. Beginning at the election for school
48 directors in 2019, the number of directors on the board
49 shall be reduced from nine to seven. Two directors shall be
50 at-large directors and five directors shall represent the
51 subdistricts, with one director from each of the
52 subdistricts. At the 2019 election, one of the at-large
53 directors and the directors from subdistricts one, three,
54 and five shall be elected for a two-year term, and the other
55 at-large director and the directors from subdistricts two
56 and four shall be elected for a four-year term. Thereafter,
57 all seven directors shall serve a four-year term. Directors
58 shall serve until the next election and until their
59 successors, then elected, are duly qualified as provided in

60 this section. In addition to other qualifications
61 prescribed by law, each member elected from a subdistrict
62 shall be a resident of the subdistrict from which he or she
63 is elected. The subdistricts shall be numbered from one to
64 five.

65 3. The five candidates, one from each of the
66 subdistricts, who receive a plurality of the votes cast by
67 the voters of that subdistrict and the at-large candidates
68 receiving a plurality of the at-large votes shall be
69 elected. The name of no candidate for nomination shall be
70 printed on the ballot unless the candidate has at least
71 sixty days prior to the election filed a declaration of
72 candidacy with the secretary of the board of directors
73 containing the signatures of at least two hundred fifty
74 registered voters who are residents of the subdistrict
75 within which the candidate for nomination to a subdistrict
76 office resides, and in case of at-large candidates the
77 signatures of at least five hundred registered voters. The
78 election authority shall determine the validity of all
79 signatures on declarations of candidacy.

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

85 5. The names of all candidates shall appear upon the
86 ballot without party designation and in the order of the
87 priority of the times of filing their petitions of
88 nomination. No candidate may file both at large and from a
89 subdistrict and the names of all candidates shall appear
90 only once on the ballot, nor may any candidate file more
91 than one declaration of candidacy. All declarations shall
92 designate the candidate's residence and whether the

93 candidate is filing at large or from a subdistrict and the
94 numerical designation of the subdistrict or at-large area.

95 6. The provisions of all sections relating to seven-
96 director school districts shall also apply to and govern
97 urban districts in cities of more than three hundred
98 thousand inhabitants, to the extent applicable and not in
99 conflict with the provisions of those sections specifically
100 relating to such urban districts.

101 7. Vacancies which occur on the school board [between
102 the dates of election shall be filled by special election if
103 such vacancy happens more than six months prior to the time
104 of holding an election as provided in subsection 2 of this
105 section. The state board of education shall order a special
106 election to fill such a vacancy. A letter from the
107 commissioner of education, delivered by certified mail to
108 the election authority or authorities that would normally
109 conduct an election for school board members shall be the
110 authority for the election authority or authorities to
111 proceed with election procedures. If a vacancy occurs less
112 than six months prior to the time of holding an election as
113 provided in subsection 2 of this section, no special
114 election shall occur and the vacancy shall be filled at the
115 next election day on which local elections are held as
116 specified in the charter of any home rule city with more
117 than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more
118 than one county] shall be filled in the manner provided in
119 section 162.471.

120 162.611. Any member failing to attend the meetings of
121 the board for three consecutive regular meetings, unless
122 excused by the board for reasons satisfactory to the board,
123 shall be deemed to have vacated his seat; and the secretary
124 of the board shall certify that fact to the [mayor] board.
125 The secretary shall likewise certify to the [mayor] board

126 any other vacancy occurring in the board. Any vacancy shall
127 be filled by the [mayor] board by appointment for the
128 remainder of the term."; and

129 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.