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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 422
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Education, March 6, 2003, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 422, adopted April 1, 2003.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 162.261 and 162.601, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to qualification for service on a seven-director or urban school board.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 162.261 and 162.601, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 162.261 and 162.601, to read as follows:

162.261. **1.** The government and control of a seven-director school district, other than an urban district, is vested in a board of education of seven members, who hold their office for three years, except as provided in section 162.241, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by the remaining members of the board; except that if there are more than two vacancies at any one time, the county commission upon receiving written notice of the vacancies shall fill the vacancies by appointment. The person appointed shall hold office until the next municipal election, when a director shall be elected for the unexpired term.

2. No seven-director or urban school district board shall hire a spouse of any member of such board unless the position has been advertised in a local newspaper for at least thirty days in advance and the names of all applicants as well as the name of the applicant hired for the position are included in the board minutes.

162.601. **1.** Elected members of the board in office on August 28, 1998, shall hold office

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

for the length of term for which they were elected, and any members appointed pursuant to section 162.611 to fill vacancies left by elected members in office on August 28, 1998, shall serve for the remainder of the term to which the replaced member was elected.

2. No board members shall be elected at the first municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998.

3. Three board members shall be elected at the second municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, to serve four-year terms.

4. Four board members shall be elected at the third municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, and two of such members shall be elected to four-year terms and two of such members shall be elected to three-year terms.

5. Beginning with the fourth municipal election in an odd-numbered year next following August 28, 1998, and at each succeeding municipal election in a year during which board member terms expire, there shall be elected members of the board of education, who shall assume the duties of their office at the first regular meeting of the board of education after their election, and who shall hold office for four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

6. Members of the board of directors shall be elected to represent seven subdistricts. The subdistricts shall be established by the state board of education to be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal in population as practicable. The subdistricts shall be revised by the state board of education after each decennial census and at any other time the state board determines that the district's demographics have changed sufficiently to warrant redistricting.

7. A member shall reside in and be elected in the subdistrict which the member is elected to represent. Subdistrict 1 shall be comprised of wards 1, 2, 22 and 27. Subdistrict 2 shall be comprised of wards 3, 4, 5 and 21. Subdistrict 3 shall be comprised of wards 18, 19, 20 and 26. Subdistrict 4 shall be comprised of wards 6, 7, 17 and 28. Subdistrict 5 shall be comprised of wards 9, 10, 11 and 12. Subdistrict 6 shall be comprised of wards 13, 14, 16 and 25. Subdistrict 7 shall be comprised of wards 8, 15, 23 and 24.

[8. No one may run for school board who is employed by the school district or who is related to an employee of the school district within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity.]