

**SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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.