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SENATE BILL NO. 21

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NICOLA.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 162.481, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to urban school districts.

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

Section A. Section 162.481, RSMo, is repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
3 162.481 and 167.1001, to read as follows:

162.481. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this
2 section and sections 162.492 and 162.563, all elections of
3 school directors in urban school districts shall be held
4 biennially at the same times and places as municipal
5 elections.

6 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3, 4,
7 **[and]** 5, **and 7** of this section, hereafter when a seven-
8 director district becomes an urban school district, the
9 directors of the prior seven-director district shall
10 continue as directors of the urban school district until the
11 expiration of the terms for which they were elected and
12 until their successors are elected as provided in this
13 subsection. The first biennial school election for
14 directors shall be held in the urban school district at the
15 time provided in subsection 1 which is on the date of or
16 subsequent to the expiration of the terms of the directors

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

17 of the prior district which are first to expire, and
18 directors shall be elected to succeed the directors of the
19 prior district whose terms have expired. If the terms of
20 two directors only have expired, the directors elected at
21 the first biennial school election in the urban school
22 district shall be elected for terms of six years. If the
23 terms of four directors have expired, two directors shall be
24 elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for
25 terms of four years. At the next succeeding biennial
26 election held in the urban school district, successors for
27 the remaining directors of the prior seven-director district
28 shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected
29 they shall be elected for terms of six years each. If four
30 directors are to be elected, two shall be elected for terms
31 of six years and two shall be elected for terms of two
32 years. After seven directors of the urban school district
33 have been elected under this subsection, their successors
34 shall be elected for terms of six years.

35 3. In any school district in which a majority of the
36 district is located in any home rule city with more than one
37 hundred fifty-five thousand but fewer than two hundred
38 thousand inhabitants, elections shall be held annually at
39 the same times and places as general municipal elections for
40 all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms
41 shall be for three years and until their successors are duly
42 elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after
43 August 28, 1998.

44 4. For any school district which becomes an urban
45 school district by reason of the 2000 federal decennial
46 census, elections shall be held annually at the same times
47 and places as general municipal elections for all years
48 where one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for

49 three years and until their successors are duly elected and
50 qualified for all directors elected on and after August 28,
51 2001.

52 5. In any school district in any county with a charter
53 form of government and with more than three hundred thousand
54 but fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which
55 becomes an urban school district by reason of the 2010
56 federal decennial census, elections shall be held annually
57 at the same times and places as general municipal elections
58 for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms
59 shall be for three years and until their successors are duly
60 elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after
61 April 2, 2012.

62 6. In any urban school district in a county of the
63 first classification with more than eighty-three thousand
64 but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and with a
65 home rule city with more than seventy-six thousand but fewer
66 than ninety-one thousand inhabitants as the county seat,
67 elections shall be held annually at the same times and
68 places as general municipal elections for all years where
69 one or more terms expire, and upon expiration of any term
70 after August 28, 2015, the term of office shall be for three
71 years and until their successors are duly elected and
72 qualified.

73 7. **In any school district in which a majority of the**
74 **district is located in a city with more than one hundred**
75 **five thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty-five**
76 **thousand inhabitants, elections shall be held annually at**
77 **the same times and places as general municipal elections for**
78 **all years where one or more terms expire, and upon the**
79 **expiration of any term after August 28, 2026, the term of**

80 office shall be for three years and until their successors
81 are duly elected and qualified.

167.1001. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Election", any primary, general, or special
4 election held to nominate or elect an individual to public
5 office, to retain or recall an elected officeholder, or to
6 submit a ballot measure to the voters;

7 (2) "Parent", a student's parent, legal guardian, or
8 person standing in loco parentis to the student;

9 (3) "School", any public school governed and managed
10 by an urban school district.

11 2. A student shall not be considered absent from the
12 school in which the student is enrolled for the time during
13 which the student accompanies his or her parent when the
14 parent is exercising his or her right to vote in a scheduled
15 election.

16 3. A student may receive an excused absence pursuant
17 to subsection 2 of this section only one time during each
18 scheduled election.

19 4. A student who accompanies his or her parent when
20 the parent is exercising his or her right to vote in a
21 scheduled election shall be encouraged by school officials
22 to demonstrate his or her attendance at the scheduled
23 election by wearing an official sticker, badge, or other
24 item upon his or her return to school indicating that he or
25 she attended the scheduled election.

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