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AN ACT

To repeal section 162.481, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to school board elections.

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

Section A. Section 162.481, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 162.481, to read as follows:

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

2. In any urban district which includes all or the major part of a city which first obtained a population of more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants by reason of the 1960 federal decennial census, elections of directors shall be held on municipal election days of even-numbered years. The directors of the prior district shall continue as directors of the urban district until their successors are elected as herein provided. On the first Tuesday in April, 1964, four directors shall be elected, two for terms of two years to succeed the two directors of the prior district who were elected in 1960 and two for terms of six years to succeed the two directors of the prior district who were elected in 1961. The successors of these directors shall be elected for terms of six years. On the first Tuesday in April, 1968, two directors shall be elected for terms to commence on November 5, 1968, and to terminate on the first Tuesday in April, 1974, when their successors shall be elected for terms of six years. No director shall serve more than two consecutive six-year terms after October 13, 1963.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 of this section, hereafter when a
16 seven-director district becomes an urban district, the directors of the prior seven-director district
17 shall continue as directors of the urban district until the expiration of the terms for which they
18 were elected and until their successors are elected as provided in this subsection. The first
19 biennial school election for directors shall be held in the urban district at the time provided in
20 subsection 1 which is on the date of or subsequent to the expiration of the terms of the directors
21 of the prior district which are first to expire, and directors shall be elected to succeed the
22 directors of the prior district whose terms have expired. If the terms of two directors only have
23 expired, the directors elected at the first biennial school election in the urban district shall be
24 elected for terms of six years. If the terms of four directors have expired, two directors shall be
25 elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of four years. At the next
26 succeeding biennial election held in the urban district, successors for the remaining directors of
27 the prior seven-director district shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected they shall
28 be elected for terms of six years each. If four directors are to be elected, two shall be elected for
29 terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of two years. After seven directors of the
30 urban district have been elected under this subsection, their successors shall be elected for terms
31 of six years.

32 4. In any school district in any city with a population of one hundred thousand or more
33 inhabitants which is located within a county of the first classification that adjoins no other county
34 of the first classification, or any school district which becomes an urban school district by reason
35 of the 2000 federal decennial census, elections shall be held annually at the same times and
36 places as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and the terms
37 shall be for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified for all directors
38 elected on and after August 28, 1998.

39 **5. In any school district in any city with a population of one hundred twenty-five**
40 **thousand or more inhabitants and less than one hundred seventy-six thousand inhabitants**
41 **which is located within a county of the first classification without a charter form of**
42 **government, candidates for school board election in which more than one seat on the school**
43 **board is open, shall declare their candidacy for a particular seat on the school board.**
44 **When more than one seat is open, the election authority shall designate the open seats by**
45 **letter so that the candidates for the school board are required to run for a particular seat**
46 **that is so designated. The declaration of candidacy for a particular seat shall be made in**
47 **accordance with the procedures of section 162.281. Candidates shall also be nominated for**
48 **a designated seat by petition in accordance with section 162.491.**

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