

HB 659 -- Transition of School Governance

Sponsor: Dusenberg

This bill allows the State Board of Education to appoint additional members to any special administrative board appointed under Section 162.081, RSMo, regarding lapsed school districts. The state board may set a final term with an end date of June 30 for any member whose successor will be elected by the district's voters on the municipal election day immediately before the expiration of office. Otherwise qualified special board members are allowed to run for an elected seat on the board. If the state board replaces the chair of the special board, the members of the special board are authorized to appoint and sign a contract for a superintendent of schools. The state board may also set a date for the school district to return to local governance and continue operation as a district as authorized by law.