

HB 659 -- TRANSITION OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE (Dusenberg)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education

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 prior to the expiration of the final term 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.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.