

HCS SCS SB 258 -- KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPONSOR: LeVota (Neth)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 8 to 4.

Beginning in 2019, the bill reduces the membership on the Kansas City School District board of directors from nine to seven members, reduces the number of at-large directors elected by the entire district from three to two, and reduces the number of subdistricts for electing the remaining directors from six to five. The local redistricting commission will draw the new subdistricts by November 1, 2018. Directors elected in 2014 and 2016 will serve until 2019 and then elections will be held every four years.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill makes the membership requirements to serve on the Kansas City school board identical with the membership requirements for most other school boards. Most school boards have seven members and the bill reduces the Kansas City school board from nine to seven members and changes the election day to complement city elections, which should increase voter participation.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Levota.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.