

HJR 74 -- ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, will change the method of selection for members of the State Board of Education from selection by the Governor to election based on residence in congressional districts beginning with the general election of 2016. Four members will serve two-year initial terms, and four will serve four-year terms; subsequent terms will be for four years. Candidates must have resided in the state for at least five years and in the congressional district for at least one year preceding the election. No member can serve more than two full terms, be connected with any school or college, or be the holder of or candidate for another public office. Procedures are provided for membership if the number of congressional districts changes and for the appointment of officers. The proposed amendment establishes a recall process, based on a petition signed by at least 25% of the votes cast in the last general election. Upon verification of the petition by the Secretary of State, an election must be held within 60 days. If the voters approve the recall, an election for a new member must be held within 90 days. Any vacancy on the board must be filled by election within 90 days.