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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1127

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 162.481 and 162.491, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to school directors for urban school districts.

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

Section A. Sections 162.481 and 162.491, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 162.481 and 162.491, to read as follows: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.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 of this section, hereafter when a seven-director district becomes an urban district, the directors of the prior seven-director district shall continue as directors of the urban district until the expiration of the terms for which

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.

18 they 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 **of this section** which is on the date of or subsequent to the expiration of the terms  
21 of the directors of the prior district which are first to expire, and directors shall be elected to  
22 succeed the directors of the prior district whose terms have expired. If the terms of two directors  
23 only have expired, the directors elected at the first biennial school election in the urban district  
24 shall be elected for terms of six years. If the terms of four directors have expired, two directors  
25 shall be elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of four years. At the  
26 next succeeding biennial election held in the urban district, successors for the remaining directors  
27 of the prior seven-director district shall be elected. If only two directors are to be elected they  
28 shall be elected for terms of six years each. If four directors are to be elected, two shall be  
29 elected for terms of six years and two shall be elected for terms of two years. After seven  
30 directors of the urban district have been elected under this subsection, their successors shall be  
31 elected for terms 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 county with a charter form of government and with more  
40 than three hundred thousand but fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which  
41 becomes an urban school district by reason of the 2010 federal decennial census, elections shall  
42 be held annually at the same times and places as general municipal elections for all years where  
43 one or more terms expire, and the terms shall be for three years and until their successors are  
44 duly elected and qualified for all directors elected on and after April 2, 2012.

45 **6. In any urban school district in a county of the first classification with more than**  
46 **eighty-three thousand but fewer than ninety-two thousand inhabitants and with a home**  
47 **rule city with more than seventy-six thousand but fewer than ninety-one thousand**  
48 **inhabitants as the county seat, elections shall be held annually at the same times and places**  
49 **as general municipal elections for all years where one or more terms expire, and upon**  
50 **expiration of any term after August 28, 2015, the term of office shall be for three years and**  
51 **until their successors are duly elected and qualified.**

162.491. 1. Directors for urban school districts, other than those districts containing the  
2 greater part of a city of over one hundred thirty thousand inhabitants, may be nominated by

3 petition to be filed with the secretary of the board and signed by a number of voters in the district  
4 equal to ten percent of the total number of votes cast for the director receiving the highest  
5 number of votes cast at the next preceding biennial election, **except as provided in subsection**  
6 **4 of this section.**

7         2. This section shall not be construed as providing the sole method of nominating  
8 candidates for the office of school director in urban districts which do not contain the greater part  
9 of a city of over three hundred thousand inhabitants.

10         3. A director for any urban school district containing a city of greater than one hundred  
11 thirty thousand inhabitants and less than three hundred thousand inhabitants may be nominated  
12 as an independent candidate by filing with the secretary of the board a petition signed by five  
13 hundred registered voters of such school district.

14         **4. Directors for any urban school district located in a home rule city with more than**  
15 **seventy-one thousand but fewer than seventy-nine thousand inhabitants may be nominated**  
16 **by petition to be filed with the secretary of the board and signed by one hundred registered**  
17 **voters of such school district.**

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