

HB 1860 -- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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This bill changes the law regarding the terms of office of members of the State Board of Education. On January 24, 2019, four members will be appointed to terms of two years each and four members will be appointed to terms of four years each. Following those appointments all members shall be appointed to four-year terms.

The bill prohibits a member from serving more than eight years on the board, except that a member appointed to replace another member and serve out a remaining term that is less than one year will be eligible to serve an additional eight years.

This bill establishes a recall procedure for board members. A board member is subject to a statewide recall election if 8% of the voters in each of two-thirds of the congressional districts in the state sign a recall petition submitted to and verified by the Secretary of State. If a majority of the votes are for recall the Governor must fill the vacancy.

The bill becomes effective only upon the passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional amendment to reduce the term of office of a member from eight years to four years.

This bill is similar to HB 675 (2017).