

HB 2591 -- SCHOOL BOARD SUBDISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Fishel

This bill modifies the election process for school board members for any school district in which a majority of the district is located in any home rule city with more than 155,000 but fewer than 200,000 inhabitants, currently this refers to the Springfield Public School District.

Before December 1, 2021 the election authority shall divide the school district into two at large districts and five subdistricts. The at large districts shall be divided geographically north and south and represent nearly equal population. The five subdistricts shall also be of nearly equal in population as practical.

The bill provides the process for candidate filing, ballot order, initial terms, and vacancy filling. The terms of all members currently serving on the existing board when the first election occurs shall expire when the new members are elected and qualified.

Board member qualifications and term limits are included in the bill.