

HB 1048 -- URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Schneider

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 16 to 0.

A school district is classified as an urban district when it encompasses at least half of a city of 70,000 or more inhabitants. This bill specifies that any district that becomes an urban school district as a result of the 2010 census will continue to have the same number of board members, hold elections on its current schedule, and retain its three-year term lengths.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to ensure that the term lengths for members of the Ft. Zumwalt school board remain at three years, rather than six years.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Schneider; and Dr. Bernard DuBray, Superintendent, Ft. Zumwalt School District.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.