

HB 253 -- URBAN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION PROCESS

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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, 2022 the election authority shall divide the school district into five subdistricts. The five subdistricts shall be nearly equal in population as practical. There also shall be two at large districts. After each decennial census the subdistricts must be reapportioned.

The bill provides the process for candidate filing, ballot order, initial terms, and vacancy filling. On the general municipal election day in 2023 and each year thereafter the expired school board positions shall be filled in the following order: subdistrict seat 1, 3, 5, 2, and 4 first, and then the two at large seats.

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

This bill is similar to HB 2591 (2020).