



COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred House Bill No. 1285, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 1 through 18 with
2 "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".
- 3 Page 2, between lines 38 and 39, begin a new line block indented
4 and insert:
- 5 **"However, a body described in clauses (A) through (D) that**
6 **has not completed the redistricting on March 1, 2022, has**
7 **until December 31, 2022 to redistrict the election districts**
8 **from the 2020 decennial census."**
- 9 Page 10, between lines 17 and 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
10 "SECTION 9. IC 20-25-3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
11 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) The board consists of seven (7)
13 members. A member:
- 14 (1) must be elected on a nonpartisan basis in general elections
15 held in the county as specified in this section; and
16 (2) serves a four (4) year term.
- 17 (b) Five (5) members shall be elected from the school board districts
18 in which the members reside, and two (2) members must be elected at
19 large. ~~Not more than two (2) of the members who serve on the board~~
20 ~~may reside in the same school board district.~~

1 (c) If a candidate runs for one (1) of the district positions on the
2 board, only eligible voters residing in the candidate's district may vote
3 for that candidate. If a person is a candidate for one (1) of the at-large
4 positions, eligible voters from all the districts may vote for that
5 candidate.

6 (d) If a candidate files to run for a position on the board, the
7 candidate must specify whether the candidate is running for a district
8 or an at-large position.

9 (e) A candidate who runs for a district or an at-large position wins
10 if the candidate receives the greatest number of votes of all the
11 candidates for the position.

12 (f) Districts shall be established within the school city by the ~~state~~
13 **board of school commissioners**. The districts must be drawn on the
14 basis of precinct lines, and as nearly as practicable, of equal population
15 with the population of the largest district not to exceed the population
16 of the smallest district by more than five percent (5%). District lines
17 must not cross precinct lines. The ~~state~~ **board of school commissioners**
18 shall establish:

19 (1) balloting procedures for the election under IC 3; and

20 (2) other procedures required to implement this section.

21 (g) A member of the board serves under section 3 of this chapter.

22 (h) In accordance with subsection (k), a vacancy in the board shall
23 be filled temporarily by the board as soon as practicable after the
24 vacancy occurs. The member chosen by the board to fill a vacancy
25 holds office until the member's successor is elected and qualified. The
26 successor shall be elected at the next regular school board election
27 occurring after the date on which the vacancy occurs. The successor
28 fills the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

29 (i) An individual elected to serve on the board begins the
30 individual's term on the date set in the school corporation's organization
31 plan. The date set in the organization plan for an elected member of the
32 board to take office may not be more than fourteen (14) months after
33 the date of the member's election. If the school corporation's
34 organization plan does not set a date for a member of the board to take
35 office, the member takes office January 1 immediately following the
36 individual's election.

37 (j) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each voter must cast a
38 vote for a school board candidate or school board candidates by voting
39 system or paper ballot. However, the same method used to cast votes
40 for all other offices for which candidates have qualified to be on the
41 election ballot must be used for the board offices.

42 (k) If a vacancy in the board exists because of the death of a

1 member, the remaining members of the board shall meet and select an
2 individual to fill the vacancy in accordance with subsection (h) after
3 the secretary of the board receives notice of the death under IC 5-8-6.".

4 Page 29, after line 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:
5 "SECTION 20. **An emergency is declared for this act.**".

6 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1285 as reprinted January 28, 2022.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

Senator Ford Jon, Chairperson