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Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to elections; providing for establishment of single-member school board
 1.3 election districts in Independent School District No. 279, Osseo.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **OSSEO SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Election.** The school board of Independent School District No. 279,
 1.7 Osseo, must divide the school district into five single-member election districts, from which
 1.8 one board member each must be elected. Two additional members must be elected at large.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Election district boundaries.** Each election district must be as equal in
 1.10 population as practicable and must be composed of compact, contiguous territory. The
 1.11 district may use the most recent federal decennial census figures available or may conduct
 1.12 a special census for this purpose. The board must designate each election district by number.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Board elections.** The board must specify the election districts from which
 1.14 vacancies shall be filled as they occur until five board members represent an election district.
 1.15 A candidate for school board in a subsequent election must file an affidavit of candidacy
 1.16 to be elected as a school board member for the election district in which the candidate
 1.17 resides, unless the candidate is filing for one of the at-large seats. Each board member who
 1.18 files for election from an election district must be a resident of that district but the creation
 1.19 of an election district or a change in election district boundaries does not disqualify a board
 1.20 member from serving for the remainder of a term.

2.1 Sec. 2. **LOCAL APPROVAL; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2 (a) Section 1 is effective the day after the governing body of Independent School District
2.3 No. 279, Osseo, and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
2.4 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3. Notwithstanding the time limit in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.5 645.021, subdivision 3, the governing body has until December 31, 2019, to comply with
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

2.7 (b) If local approval has not been completed by January 1, 2020, the governing body
2.8 shall submit the question of approval to the voters of the school district at the 2020 general
2.9 election. The question submitted must be: "Shall Independent School District No. 279,
2.10 Osseo, be divided into five election districts, from which one member each must be elected,
2.11 with two additional members elected at large?" If approved by a majority of the voters
2.12 voting on the question, section 1 is effective the day after the canvassing board certifies the
2.13 result of the election.