

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2407

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOSLEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of wards in certain school districts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.387, to read as follows:

2 **162.387. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any**
3 **school district that is located within or that adjoins a school district that is located within,**
4 **in whole or in part, a street light maintenance district with a population of less than three**
5 **thousand inhabitants, and that is located within a county with a charter form of**
6 **government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the governing**
7 **body of the county sitting as an apportionment commission shall establish seven wards for**
8 **the purpose of electing directors of such districts.**

9 **2. The ward boundaries shall be drawn by the commissioners within ninety days**
10 **after August 28, 2020, and within six months after each decennial census is reported to the**
11 **President of the United States thereafter. Ward boundaries drawn by the governing body**
12 **of the county shall not be subject to veto by the chief executive of the county.**

13 **3. The commissioners shall apportion the wards by dividing the population,**
14 **determined by the preceding decennial census, of the district by the number of directors**
15 **and shall establish each ward so that the population of that ward shall, as nearly as**
16 **possible, equal that figure or be within one percent thereof. Each ward shall be composed**
of contiguous territory as compact as may be.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **4. All board members elected or appointed in any such district shall be elected or**
18 **appointed to represent one of the wards, beginning with the first general municipal election**
19 **or vacancy occurring after August 28, 2020. Each member shall reside for one year prior**
20 **to the date of his or her election in the ward from which he or she is elected or, in the case**
21 **of a vacancy, the ward from which he or she is appointed, and shall forfeit the member's**
22 **office if the member removes his or her residence from the ward. Such vacancy may be**
23 **declared and the office filled by the remaining members of the board as provided by law.**

24 **5. Elected members of the board in office on August 28, 2020, shall hold office for**
25 **the length of terms for which they were elected and until their successors are elected and**
26 **qualified, and any members appointed to fill vacancies in office occurring after August 28,**
27 **2020, shall serve until the next general municipal election, at which time a successor shall**
28 **be elected to serve for the remainder of the term to which the replaced member was**
29 **elected.**

30 **6. At the first general municipal election to occur after August 28, 2020, the**
31 **elections for the seats of any expiring terms or appointed terms, as provided herein, of at-**
32 **large board members shall be filled by persons elected from the lowest-numbered wards,**
33 **as those wards are created and numbered by the governing body of the county sitting as**
34 **an apportionment commission. The second such general municipal election shall be for the**
35 **lowest-numbered wards not filled at the prior election, and the third such election shall be**
36 **for the remaining wards not filled at the prior two elections.**

37 **7. Except as expressly provided in this section, the law governing school districts**
38 **and seven-director districts shall continue to apply to any district described in this section.**

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