



BILL and Amendment SUMMARY

School Board Elections HF 566

Status of Bill: House Calendar
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Background

Currently, school board elections are held in September. A city election is held in the month of November.

Summary

The bill moves the election date for a regular school board election to coincide with the date of the city election, moving the school board election from the month of September to November. The bill also makes administrative changes for the community college and Area Education Agency (AEA) board of directors.

This also makes administrative changes that will be needed once the school board elections are changed. The legislation does a number of things:

1. Combines administrative requirements for city and school elections. Including filing and withdrawing a candidacy.
2. The combining of special election dates for city and school elections.
3. Uniform Election Day poll hours for city and school elections from 7am to 8pm.
4. Changes days for filing nomination papers to not more than 71 days and not less than 47 days.
 - a. Current law is not more than 64 days and no less than 40 days.
 - b. Withdraw deadline is extended 7 days from 35 to 42 days.
 - c. Deadline for filing a nomination vacancy at convention or caucus is extended to 42 days from 35 days.
5. Combines city and school election polling place location to the same as general if practical.
6. County auditor control, each county auditor controls their voters in their precinct then sends to the controlling auditor for a 2nd Canvass. The controlling auditor is the auditor with the largest taxable base within the political subdivision.
7. Special elections for city, school, or community colleges are not to coincide with a general election.

Amendment Summary

Amendment H-1183 by Highfill of Polk

Allows for the Secretary of the community college board to call a special meeting to organize the board in advance of the first regular meeting following the school election.