

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
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LEGISLATIVE BILL 600

Introduced by Raikes, 25

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to educational service units; to amend
2 sections 79-1201 and 79-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to provide for boundary changes as prescribed;
4 to change provisions relating to reorganization
5 petitions; to repeal the original sections; and to
6 declare an emergency.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 79-1201 Sections 79-1201 to 79-1244 and section 2 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Educational Service
5 Units Act.

6 Sec. 2. On or before July 31, 2007, and on or before
7 July 31 of each year thereafter, the State Board of Education
8 shall adjust the boundaries of any educational service unit the
9 boundaries of which do not align with the boundaries of the member
10 school districts on July 1 of such year. Such boundary adjustments
11 shall align the boundaries of the educational service unit with
12 the boundaries of the member school districts as the boundaries of
13 the member school districts existed on July 1 of such year. Such
14 boundary adjustments shall be referred to the appropriate county
15 and educational service unit officials to implement the adjustments
16 and to make the necessary changes in the educational service unit
17 maps and tax records.

18 Sec. 3. Section 79-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of
19 Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 79-1211 The State Board of Education, within ninety days
21 after the receipt of any such petition, shall hold a public
22 hearing on the proposed reorganization plan. At the board's option,
23 it may appoint a hearing officer to conduct the public hearing
24 and ~~recommend a decision to~~ issue a summary of the evidence
25 presented. The board may also direct the appointed hearing officer

1 to recommend a decision to the board, which recommendation shall
2 not be binding on the board. Within one hundred twenty days
3 after the receipt of such petition, the board shall approve or
4 reject such petition. If the board rejects the petition, it shall
5 clearly state its reasons for such rejection. Approved petitions
6 for reorganization of educational service unit boundaries shall be
7 referred to the appropriate county and educational service unit
8 officials to implement the plan and to make the necessary changes
9 in the educational service unit maps and tax records.

10 Sec. 4. Original sections 79-1201 and 79-1211, Reissue
11 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

12 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
13 when passed and approved according to law.