



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 473

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 6, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill provides that the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts shall reorganize school districts in a metropolitan class city if any Class V school district within its boundaries has more than three high school buildings, or more that 20,000 students.

The reorganization will include the Class V district and any contiguous Class II or Class III districts completely within the boundaries of a metropolitan class city and which have not had another incorporated city within their boundaries in the preceding 30 years.

New Class V districts will be organized around the attendance areas of two or three high school buildings.

Changes are made in election procedures to provide that the members of the initial boards of education of the new Class V districts will be elected during the statewide primary preceding the effective date of the reorganization, and will serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Thereafter, members will be elected to staggered terms pursuant to existing law.

A new section requires that school board members and employees of existing school districts affected by orders issued by the State Reorganization Committee, prepare their school district for a smooth transition.

The emergency clause is attached.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Ernie Chambers