



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 658**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 20, 2007

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

LB 658 would allow for the creation of new Class I school districts through a reorganization process that would be initiated by an individual or group of individuals developing a plan describing the proposed district, resident students, facilities, staffing, estimated budget and a proposed method for dividing assets and liabilities.

The plan would be filed with the affected Class II, III, or IV school district and the State Committee for the Reorganization of Schools Districts. The plan would either be approved or denied by the state committee. If approved, the county clerk or election commissioner would prepare appropriate petitions for the individual or group of individuals to circulate. The petition would have to garner signatures from 15% of the registered voters in the K-12 district and 55% of the registered voters in the proposed Class I. The proposal would then be put on the ballot in the next statewide general election for consideration by the K-12 district voters. If successful, the proposal would take effect the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

LB 658 would require that Class I districts be wholly affiliated with a single Class II, III, or IV district and that their budgets be set by the high school district according to minimums and a process established in the act.

LB 658 would also eliminate Class VI districts as a reorganization option and would make all Class I districts wholly part of a K-12 in terms of voting and taxation. All reporting to the Department of Education would be done at the K-12 district level.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**