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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1 Election to convert to at-large districts.** Provides a process for converting a school district's board from election by district to election at-large. Provides the process is not applicable when a district is entering a consolidation or cooperation and combination agreement with another district.

Allows a ballot question to dissolve existing election districts and have at-large elections. The trigger would be the school board acting on its own motion or on petition by either 50 voters or a number equal to ten percent of the vote cast at the most recent school general election, whichever is larger. The question must be on the ballot at the next school general election after the board motion or voter petition.

Provides for the ballot question: "Shall the board members of Independent School District No . . . Be elected at-large in 20. . . and thereafter?"

Makes the section effective immediately.