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Overview

This bill requires Independent School District No. 271 (Bloomington) to divide its board membership into four single-seat election districts. Three additional members are required to serve at-large. If the district does not approve this change by resolution, the issue must be presented to the voters at the 2010 general election. If approved, the changes would apply starting in 2013.

Section

- 1** **Bloomington School Election Districts.** Provides that the Bloomington school board must divide the district into four single-member election districts. One member of the board must be elected from each district, and three additional members must be elected at large.

This section provides that the newly created districts must be designated by number, be as equal in population as practicable, and be composed of compact, contiguous territory. The board is required to specify the election districts from which vacancies shall be filled as they occur, until four members represent a district. Candidates for a district-based seat must reside in that district. A change in district boundaries does not prevent a current board member from completing a term, even if the member no longer resides in the appropriate district after the boundary changes.

- 2** **Local Approval.** Establishes that this section is effective upon local approval pursuant to section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3 (requiring approval through resolution by majority vote of the school board and filing by the school district clerk).

Section

If the board does not approve the provisions of this bill by resolution by July 1, 2010 , the district is required to submit the question to the voters at the 2010 general election.

The changes required by section 1, if approved by either the Bloomington school board or the voters, would apply to elections held in 2013 and thereafter.