

Subject Osseo School Board; Election Districts

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Overview

Minnesota's 331 school districts are governed by locally elected school boards. Most school boards consist of six or seven board members elected at large for four-year terms. A statutory process outlined in Minn. Stat. section 205A.12 allows a school district to conduct a referendum in order to create election districts. The statute allows a mix of election districts and at-large seats.

A relatively small number of school districts have school boards with election districts. A few of those boards have been created through legislative action. In 2006, the legislature approved a special board structure for the Minneapolis school district.

H.F. 2725 authorizes the Osseo school board to approve the creation of election districts by adoption and proper filing of a resolution creating the election districts. If local approval is not completed by August 11, 2020, the Osseo school board must submit the question of approval to the voters at the November 2020 general election.

Summary

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1	Osseo school board.
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Authorizes the Osseo school board to create election districts by board action.

Subd. 1. Election. Creates five election districts, electing one school board member each, and creates two at-large board members to form a seven-member school board.

Subd. 2. Election district boundaries. Requires the board to draw election districts that are equal in population, compact, and contiguous. The population

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data may be from the most recent federal census or a special census conducted for this purpose.

Subd. 3. Board Elections. Requires the board to transition to election districts by assigning seats of board members with expiring terms to each of the five election districts in the order determined by the board.

2 **Local approval.**

Makes this act effective the day after the Osseo school board files the necessary paperwork with the Secretary of State as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021. If the local approval is not filed by August 11, 2020, the question of election districts must be submitted to the voters.



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