
DIGEST

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HB No. 84

Abstract: Provides that the three appointed members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall be appointed one by the governor with Senate consent, one by the House of Representatives, and one by the Senate and requires diversity in the appointments.

Present constitution (Const. Art. VIII, §3(A)) creates the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides that it shall supervise and control the public elementary and secondary schools and special schools under its jurisdiction and shall have budgetary responsibility for all funds appropriated or allocated by the state for those schools, all as provided by law. Authorizes the legislature to provide other powers, duties, and responsibilities.

Present constitution (Const. Art. VIII, §3(B)) provides for board membership of 11 members, eight elected from single-member districts and three appointed by the governor from the state at large, with consent of the Senate. Provides for four-year terms, concurrent with the governor's term and provides term limits by providing that a member who serves two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall not be elected or appointed for the succeeding term. Provides that term limits are not applicable to members elected or appointed prior to the date the term limits amendment became effective.

Present constitution (Const. Art. VIII, §3(B)) retains present constitution, except:

- (1) Provides that the three members appointed from the state at large shall be appointed one by the governor, one by the House of Representatives, and one by the Senate.
- (2) Requires that the three members shall be appointed to assure diversity, including diversity of geography, race, and gender.
- (3) Substitutes the date the term limit amendment became effective (Dec. 8, 2008) for language referring to such date.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 22, 2011.

Effective at noon on Jan. 9, 2012.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §3(B))