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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, CLAY, NEILSON, O'BRIEN,  
BROWNLEE, THOMAS, COHEN AND ROEBUCK, MARCH 12, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in school finances, further providing  
6 for distress in school districts of the first class.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 696 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by  
11 adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 696. Distress in School Districts of the First  
13 Class.--\* \* \*

14 (n.3) (1) At the first primary, special or general election  
15 that occurs at least ninety (90) days after the effective date  
16 of this subsection, a binding referendum question shall be  
17 presented to the electors of the school district of the first  
18 class, which referendum shall ask, as a single ballot question,  
19 whether the School Reform Commission shall be dissolved and the  
20 members of the board of school directors for the school district

1 shall be elected, on a nonpartisan basis, by the qualified  
2 electors.

3 (2) If a majority of the qualified electors votes in favor  
4 of the dissolution of the School Reform Commission and the  
5 public election of members of the board of school directors,  
6 then the dissolution shall be effective at least one hundred  
7 eighty (180) days prior to the end of the current school year  
8 and shall be effective at the end of that school year.

9 (3) The election of members of the board of school directors  
10 shall occur as soon as practicable in order for the elected  
11 members to take office prior to the commencement of the  
12 following school year.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.