Amendment No. 2 to HB2891

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2924

House Bill No. 2891*

by deleting subdivision (a)(1) in Section 1 and substituting instead:

(1) Each LEA must have a local board of education that is elected by the people. Except in counties with a county charter, the board shall consist of no more members than the number of members authorized by general law or private act for boards of education in existence on January 1, 1992, or the number of members actually serving on a board on January 1, 1993, a school board must not consist of more members than the number of members authorized by the general assembly by private act. In addition to the membership existing on boards as of January 1, 1992, or January 1, 1993, the general assembly may authorize by private act any number of school board members that is no less than three (3) and no more than eleven (11). Except as provided in subdivision (a)(3), school board members must be elected for a term of four (4) years, and may succeed themselves.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(3) in Section 1:

(3) If the county election commission sets the date for the initial school board election to coincide with a regular primary or general election or with a May primary being held in the county and the regular qualifying deadline for such primary or general election cannot be used, independent candidates and candidates nominated by a political party shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the fifty-fifth day before the election. If the qualifying deadline is the fifty-fifth day before the election, candidates must withdraw no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the fifty-second day before the election.