

CHAPTER 432

S.B. No. 821

An Act relating to the authority of school trustees to serve for the remainder of their terms in a transition to election of trustees from single-member districts; adding Section 23.025 to Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Education Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 23.025 to read as follows:

"Section 23.025. TRANSITION TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS: OPTION TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE. (a) For a school district that adopts a redistricting plan under Section 23.024 of this code providing for five members of the board to be elected from single-member trustee districts and two members to be elected at large, the board of trustees may provide in the plan for the trustees then in office to serve at large for the remainder of their terms in accordance with this section.

"(b) The trustee district and at-large positions provided by the district's plan shall be filled as the staggered terms of incumbent trustees expire. Not later than the 90th day before the first election from trustee districts, the board shall determine by lot the order in which the positions will be filled.

"(c) The trustees of a district to which this section applies may also provide for members serving at the time of a redistricting to serve for the remainder of their terms."

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 3, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 22, 1985, by a non-record vote.

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