

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1062

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to the membership, powers, and duties of the board of directors of the Special School District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1945.1(B), (D)(2) through (4), and (E)(3) and  
3 (5)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 17:1945.1(D)(5) through (8), relative  
4 to the Special School District; to provide relative to the board of directors of the  
5 Special School District; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the  
6 board; to provide relative to the selection of and duties of the district superintendent;  
7 to require annual submission of lists of nominees for appointment to the board; and  
8 to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:1945.1(B), (D)(2) through (4), and (E)(3) and (5)(introductory  
11 paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1945.1. Board of directors of the Special School District; creation; membership;  
13 terms; powers, duties, and functions

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15 B. ~~Of the members appointed by the governor, there shall be at least one~~  
16 ~~resident of each public health region established by the office of public health of the~~  
17 ~~Louisiana Department of Health, with no more than two members from any region.~~



1       ~~This shall not preclude the board from entering into other such contracts and~~  
2       ~~agreements that it deems necessary to carry out its duties and functions. The board~~  
3       ~~may enter into a contract for the purpose of recruiting to hire a new district~~  
4       ~~superintendent pursuant to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551, et seq.~~

5               ~~(8)~~ (4) Perform such other functions as are necessary for the governance of  
6       the district.

7               E. In addition to the authorities granted by this Section and any powers,  
8       duties, and responsibilities vested by any other applicable laws, the board shall:

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10              ~~(3) Prescribe and select for use~~ Authorize the superintendent to select free  
11       textbooks and other instructional materials ~~of instruction~~ for ~~children~~ students  
12       enrolled in the schools and programs under its ~~jurisdiction~~. jurisdiction, based on  
13       state Department of Education guidelines.

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15              (5) Select a superintendent who shall be the chief administrative officer of  
16       the district and who shall administer the rules, regulations, and policies adopted by  
17       the board. The board shall delegate to the superintendent such of its powers and  
18       duties as it deems appropriate to aid the superintendent in the efficient administration  
19       of his responsibility for the implementation of the policies of the board. The board  
20       shall provide for an annual evaluation for the superintendent. The ~~superintendent~~  
21       ~~superintendent, or his designee,~~ shall be responsible for all of the administrative  
22       functions, duties, and needs of the board, including but not limited to the following:

23   \*       \*       \*

24       Section 2. R.S. 17:1945.1(D)(5) through (8) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the board of directors of the Special School District.

Present law provides for governance of the Special School District by a board of directors, and provides for its powers and duties. Provides for twelve members of the board, eleven of whom are appointed by the governor.

**Membership**

Present law requires the governor to appoint one resident from each public health region to serve as a member, with no more than two members from any region. Proposed law removes this requirement.

Present law requires the governor to select a number of members to serve on the board from lists of nominees submitted by certain officials and organizations.

Proposed law retains present law and requires such officials and organizations to submit lists of nominees to the office of the governor by Aug. first each year.

**Powers and duties**

Present law provides that the board is authorized to do the following:

- (1) Purchase land and equipment and make improvements to facilities.
- (2) Lease land or other property.
- (3) Sell or exchange land or other immovable property that the district does not need.
- (4) Award certificates and issue diplomas.

Proposed law removes such authorizations.

Present law requires the board to prescribe and select for use free textbooks and other materials of instruction. Proposed law instead requires the board to authorize the superintendent to select textbooks and other instructional materials based on state Dept. of Education guidelines.

**Superintendent**

Proposed law requires the board to annually evaluate the superintendent.

Proposed law authorizes a designee of the superintendent to perform administrative functions, duties, and needs of the board.

(Amends R.S. 17:1945.1(B), (D)(2)-(4), and (E)(3) and (5)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 17:1945.1(D)(5)-(8))