
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))