
HOUSE BILL 1683

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By Representative Ortiz-Self; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 AN ACT Relating to school director districts; amending RCW
2 28A.343.300; adding a new section to chapter 28A.343 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that students and
6 communities benefit from diverse school boards of directors that are
7 representative of the communities and neighborhoods they serve.
8 Furthermore, the legislature recognizes proportional representation
9 encourages greater school board diversity, and more parents of
10 school-aged children to seek office than at-large district elections.
11 Therefore, the legislature intends to require school districts with
12 enrollments greater than 3,000 students to elect school board
13 directors from designated member districts.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.343
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) By calendar year 2027, all elections of directors of any
17 school district with a head count enrollment greater than 3,000
18 students shall elect school board directors from designated member
19 districts accordingly:

1 (a) For districts with a head count enrollment greater than 5,000
2 students, no less than four school board directors shall be elected
3 by designated member districts; and

4 (b) For districts with a head count enrollment of 3,001 to 5,000
5 students, no less than three school board directors shall be elected
6 by designated member districts.

7 (2) School districts with 3,000 students or less are exempt from
8 this section.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.343.300 and 2009 c 107 s 1 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The governing board of a school district shall be known as the
12 board of directors of the district.

13 Unless otherwise specifically provided, as in RCW 29A.04.340 and
14 section 2 of this act, each member of a board of directors shall be
15 elected by ballot by the registered voters of the school district and
16 shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is
17 elected and qualified. Terms of school directors shall be staggered,
18 and insofar as possible, not more than a majority of one shall be
19 elected to full terms at any regular election. In case a member or
20 members of a board of directors are to be elected to fill an
21 unexpired term or terms, the ballot shall specify the term for which
22 each such member is to be elected.

23 Except for a school district of the first class having within its
24 boundaries a city with a population of (~~four hundred thousand~~)
25 400,000 people or more which shall have a board of directors of seven
26 members, the board of directors of every school district of the first
27 class or school district of the second class shall consist of five
28 members.

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