



1999 SENATE BILL 254

October 20, 1999 - Introduced by Senator HUELSMAN, cosponsored by Representatives STONE and OWENS. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 120.02 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the procedure for
2 changing the number of school board members in a common or unified school
3 district.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides a procedure for changing the number of school board members in a common or unified school district. A petition must be filed with the school district clerk, who must incorporate in the notice of the annual meeting (in a common school district) or election (in a unified school district) a statement that at the meeting or election the question of changing the number of school board members will be voted upon. The petition must be signed by at least 100 electors who reside in the school district, except that in a school district that contains, in whole or in part, a second or third class city, the petition must be signed by at least 500 school district electors.

This bill provides that, if a school district contains, in whole or in part, a second or third class city, the petition must be signed by at least 500 electors only if one or more electors of the school district reside in that city.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 120.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 120.02 (1) CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. If, at least 30 days
2 prior to the day of the annual school district meeting, in a common or union high
3 school district, or at least 45 days prior to the day of the election of school board
4 members in a unified school district, a petition conforming to the requirements of s.
5 8.40 requesting a change in the number of school board members is filed with the
6 school district clerk the clerk shall incorporate in the notice of the annual meeting
7 or election a statement that at the meeting or election the question of changing the
8 number of school board members to the number requested in the petition will be
9 voted upon. The petition shall be signed by not less than 100 electors residing in the
10 school district, except that in school districts which contain, in whole or in part, a city
11 of the 2nd or 3rd class in which one or more electors of the school district reside, the
12 petition shall be signed by not less than 500 electors residing in the school district.
13 If, at the meeting or election of school board members, a resolution based on a petition
14 requesting a change in the number of school board members is adopted by a majority
15 vote, school board members shall be elected at the next school board election and
16 thereafter in accordance with sub. (3).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

17 (1) The treatment of section 120.02 (1) of the statutes first applies to petitions
18 filed under that section on the effective date of this subsection.
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20 (END)