

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Representative Kessler:

Currently, s. 119.08 (1) (b), stats., directs the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to redistrict its election districts within 60 days after the common council adopts its aldermanic district plan. Because these election districts are no longer tied to aldermanic districts, as they were in the past, there is no reason why the election district boundaries cannot be drawn at the same time that aldermanic district boundaries are drawn. Therefore, this draft, in addition to shortening the window for school district redistricting from 60 to 45 days, provides that the school district redistricting process begins when ward boundaries are fixed, which is the same time that the city begins its aldermanic redistricting process. The change also precludes a scenario that threatens to occur currently — one in which the revised election district boundaries are not determined by November 15 of the year following the census year, which is the date on which they will first be needed to begin the process of electing new members of the Board of School Directors. Please let me know if you would like to see this matter treated differently.

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