

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law requires certain community college boards of trustees (board) to divide into seven or nine equal trustee districts. Many community college districts in metropolitan areas of the state already have nine trustees, rather than the required seven. Due to the growing population in many metropolitan areas, community members in districts with seven trustees believe that an increased number of trustees would better represent community interests. Current statutes need to be clarified to allow certain districts to increase their membership. H.B. 2459 requires the board to redivide the district into the appropriate number of districts with an equal number of inhabitants in each district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.040, Education Code, to provide an exception to this section.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 130.0821(b), (c), and (e), Education Code, as follows:

(b) Makes a conforming change.

(c) Requires members of the board of trustees of the district to serve for staggered terms of six years with the terms of one-third of the members, rather than two or three, as nearly as may be, expiring in each even-numbered year.

(e) Requires the board of trustees (board), within 90 days following the effective date of an order or resolution of the board to increase the number of board members, to redivide the district into the appropriate number of trustee districts as increased. Requires each trustee district, at the next district election following the redivision of the district under this subsection, to elect a member of the board. Requires the members elected to draw lots for the appropriate number of two-year, four-year, and six-year terms as needed to establish staggered terms as required by Subsection C. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.