

CHAPTER 151

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 98-1261

BY REPRESENTATIVE Tool;
also SENATOR Mutzebaugh.

AN ACT

CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of article 30 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

22-30-107.5. Duties of affected school districts. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AFFECTED BY APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMITTEE BY PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN FORMULATING THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 2. 22-30-111, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-30-111. Compensation - expenses. Members of the committee shall not receive compensation for service on such committee from state moneys. The affected school districts ~~may~~ SHALL compensate committee members for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this article. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ACTUAL EXPENSES" MEANS TRAVEL EXPENSES AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN PURCHASING NECESSARY SUPPLIES.

SECTION 3. 22-30-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-30-114. Requirements for plan of organization. (4) IF THE PLAN OF

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

ORGANIZATION RESULTS IN CREATION OF ONE OR MORE NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR ALTERATIONS OF THE BOUNDARIES OF EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE PLAN SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE NOT SET IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CREATE ANY PORTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT CONTIGUOUS TO THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SECTION 4. 22-30-117 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22-30-117. Special school district organization election scheduled. (1) The plan of organization shall be approved by the commissioner and the committee within one hundred twenty days following the last public hearing held pursuant to section 22-30-115 and shall be designated as the final approved plan of organization. At that time, the committee shall call for and establish the date of a special school district organization election wherein the eligible electors in each school district affected by the final approved plan of organization shall vote upon the adoption or rejection of the final approved plan of organization. The committee shall name a designated election official who shall be responsible for conducting the election. Such election shall be held on the date specified in the final approved plan of organization. THE EXPENSE OF THE ELECTION SHALL BE APPORTIONED AMONG THE AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS BASED ON POPULATION ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

SECTION 5. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 21, 1998