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## DIGEST

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HB 655 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to local superintendents of schools.

Present law provides for the election of local superintendents by public school boards. Requires favorable vote of a majority of the board membership. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed law provides for interim superintendents to be elected in the same manner in the event of certain circumstances including a superintendent's death, resignation, termination, or placement on administrative leave. Further provides an interim superintendent shall have the same authority as a superintendent and that he shall not be employed for more than six months in a twelve month period.

Present law requires school boards to delegate authority for personnel decisions to the local superintendent, including policies related to reductions in force. Proposed law additionally requires that if the superintendent has been placed on notice that his contract will not be renewed and, if an interim superintendent has been elected, such delegation shall extend to the interim superintendent.

Proposed law authorizes school boards to place superintendents on paid administrative leave and provides conditions of such leave.

(Amends R.S. 17:81(A)(3); Adds R.S. 17:54(B)(4) and (D))