
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an all-elected membership of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education by removing the governor's appointment of three members (reducing the membership from 11 to eight).

Present constitution creates the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to supervise and control the public elementary and secondary schools and special schools under its jurisdiction. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that eight members are elected to BESE from single-member districts and three are appointed by the governor from the state at large. Proposed constitutional amendment reduces BESE membership from 11 to eight by removing the gubernatorial appointment of three at-large members.

Present constitution provides the following relative to terms:

- (1) Members shall serve terms of four years, which shall be concurrent with the term of the governor.
- (2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall serve for the succeeding term.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides following for the filling of vacancies of elected members of BESE:

- (1) If more than one year is left in the term at the time the position becomes vacant, a special election is required to fill the position.
- (2) If less than one year is left in the term at the time the position becomes vacant, the governor is required to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Effective at noon on January 8, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §3(B) and (C))