BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, general laws govern and regulate a board of trustees of an independent school district. Additionally, there are special laws that govern the Dallas Independent School District's board of trustees. It has come to the attention of the Dallas Independent School District board of trustees that some of the special laws are in conflict with the general laws, and leave open to interpretation the appropriate laws that apply to certain boards of trustees, specifically regarding trustees' residency requirements, trustees' election requirements upon redistricting, and terms trustees may serve. As proposed, S.B. 688 specifies which laws apply to which school districts and authorizes certain school districts to adopt rules to govern requirements regarding their board members.

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 Chapter 11C, Education Code, by adding Section 11.064, as follows:

Sec. 11.064. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN DISTRICTS. (a) Provides that Sections 11.052 (g) and (h) (Single-member Trustee Districts) and Section 11.059 (Terms) do not apply to the board of trustees of a school district if the district's central administration office is in a county with a population of more than two million and its student enrollment is less than 200,000.

- (b) Authorizes the board of trustees of a school district described by Subsection
- (a) to adopt rules to govern certain requirements regarding board members.

SECTION 2. Effective date: Upon passage or September 1, 2003.