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H.B. No. 1311

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the election of trustees of certain school districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.052(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or Section 11.0521, the board of trustees of an independent school district, on its own motion, may order that trustees of the district are to be elected from single-member trustee districts or that not fewer than 70 percent of the members of the board of trustees are to be elected from single-member trustee districts with the remaining trustees to be elected from the district at large.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0521. MULTIMEMBER TRUSTEE DISTRICTS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to an independent school district with the largest student enrollment in a county with a population of 550,000 or more that is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more.

(b) The board of trustees of an independent school district to which this section applies shall:

(1) order that trustees of the district are to be elected as follows:

(A) one trustee elected from the district at

1 large; and

2 (B) six trustees elected by position from two  
3 multimember voting districts composed of three trustee positions  
4 each;

5 (2) divide the school district as nearly as  
6 practicable into two multimember voting districts of equal  
7 population, with one voting district representing the west half of  
8 the school district and the other voting district representing the  
9 east half of the school district; and

10 (3) designate by number each position on the board of  
11 trustees.

12 (c) Residents of each multimember voting district are  
13 entitled to cast votes for each trustee position within the  
14 multimember voting district.

15 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
16 of this Act, the board of trustees of a school district to which  
17 Section 11.0521, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies  
18 shall adopt an order as required by that section.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.