

Amend HB 1707 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following appropriately lettered subsection and reletter subsequent subsections accordingly:

(____) This section applies to each open-enrollment charter school for which the charter is approved under this subchapter, regardless of whether the charter for the school was approved:

(1) by the board of trustees of a school district at an election held under Section 12.1016, as added by ____B No. ____, Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023; or

(2) by the commissioner on date occurring before the effective date of ____B. No. ____, Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 12.1016 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.1016. ELECTION TO ESTABLISH NEW CAMPUS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, before the commissioner approves a charter to establish a new open-enrollment charter school campus, the board of trustees of the school district in which the new campus will be wholly or partially located shall order an election on the proposed establishment of the new campus.

(b) A proposed charter to establish a new open-enrollment charter school campus shall be submitted to the voters of the district at an election to be held on the first uniform election date that occurs at least 45 days after the date on which the board of trustees orders the election.

(c) Not later than the 10th day after the date the canvas of the election returns is completed, the board of trustees of the district shall notify the commissioner of the result of the election.

(d) The commissioner may approve the charter to establish a new open-enrollment charter school campus only if the proposition to establish the new campus is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the district voting at an election called for that purpose.

(e) If the proposition to establish the new open-enrollment charter school campus is not approved at the election, the commissioner shall notify the applicant that the charter is not approved.