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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Pinellas County School Board;
3 revising procedures for the election of school board
4 members; providing guidelines for implementation;
5 providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. The following procedures shall apply to the
10 conversion of the election of Pinellas County School Board
11 members from the districtwide election of all members to the
12 election of four school board members from single-member
13 districts and the election of three school board members
14 districtwide:

15 (1) Year 2003; designation of at-large and single-member
16 districts.--The three seats to be filled from the county at
17 large shall be designated District 5, District 6, and District
18 7, respectively. The four seats to be filled from single-member
19 districts shall be designated District 1, District 2, District
20 3, and District 4, respectively. During the year 2003, the
21 school board shall determine the geographic boundaries for the
22 four single-member districts, which shall together cover the
23 entire county and be as nearly equal in population as
24 practicable. The newly designated boundaries of Districts 1 and
25 3 shall be effective for the first primary election in the year
26 2004 and thereafter, and the newly designated boundaries of
27 Districts 2 and 4 shall be effective for the first primary
28 election in the year 2006 and thereafter. However, the newly
29 designated boundaries shall not have the effect of disqualifying
30 a school board member before the end of his or her current term.



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31 (2) Year 2004; begin implementation.--Implementation of
32 the conversion to single-member representation on the district
33 school board shall begin with the election of district school
34 board members held in conjunction with the first primary
35 election in the year 2004 and with the runoff, if any, during
36 the general election of that year. In the year 2004, school
37 board members from the newly created single-member Districts 1
38 and 3 and the at-large seat for which election is to be held in
39 that year, hereafter designated as District 7, shall be elected.
40 An incumbent school board member from the previously existing
41 school board member residence area 1 or area 3 and the incumbent
42 in the at-large seat elected in the year 2000 may seek
43 reelection from one of the newly created single-member Districts
44 1 and 3 if he or she resides within such district, or may seek
45 reelection from at-large District 7.

46 (3) Year 2006; complete implementation.--The conversion to
47 single-member representation on the district school board shall
48 be fully implemented with the election of district school board
49 members held in conjunction with the first primary and general
50 elections in the year 2006. In the year 2006, school board
51 members from the newly created single-member Districts 2 and 4
52 and the newly created at-large Districts 5 and 6 shall be
53 elected. An incumbent school board member from the previously
54 existing school board member residence area 2, area 4, or area 5
55 and the incumbent in the at-large seat elected in the year 2002
56 may seek reelection from one of the newly created single-member
57 Districts 2 and 4 if he or she resides within such district, or
58 may seek reelection from at-large District 5 or 6.

59 (4) Subsequent years.--Thereafter, the governing body of
60 the district school board shall consist of seven members, with



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61 four members from single-member districts and three members from
62 the county at large as provided in this act. All elections for
63 district school board members shall be nonpartisan and held at
64 the same time as the first primary and general elections as
65 provided by law, and district school board members shall be
66 elected to appropriately staggered terms of 4 years. Each
67 candidate for election to the district school board must be a
68 qualified elector of the county and, if seeking election to a
69 single-member residence area, a registered voter of that
70 residence area at the time of qualifying. Each person elected to
71 the district school board from a single-member residence area
72 shall be elected only by the electors residing in the single-
73 member district for which he or she qualified. Each person
74 elected to the district school board shall take office on the
75 third Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the year in
76 which he or she was elected. If certification of the election is
77 delayed, the person elected shall take office at the next
78 regular meeting of the district school board after final
79 certification.

80 Section 2. To the extent of any conflict, the provisions
81 of this act shall supersede the provisions of chapter 2001-294,
82 Laws of Florida.

83 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.