



CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Procedures recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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

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

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

(1) Year 2003; designation of at-large and single-member districts.--The three seats to be filled from the county at large shall be designated District 1, District 2, and District 3, respectively. The four seats to be filled from single-member districts shall be designated District 4, District 5, District



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29 6, and District 7, respectively. During the year 2003, the  
30 school board shall determine the geographic boundaries for the  
31 four single-member districts, which shall together cover the  
32 entire county and be as nearly equal in population as  
33 practicable. The newly designated boundaries of Districts 4 and  
34 5 shall be effective for the first primary election in the year  
35 2004 and thereafter, and the newly designated boundaries of  
36 Districts 6 and 7 shall be effective for the first primary  
37 election in the year 2006 and thereafter. However, the newly  
38 designated boundaries shall not have the effect of disqualifying  
39 a school board member before the end of his or her current term.

40 (2) Year 2004; begin implementation.--Implementation of  
41 the conversion to single-member representation on the district  
42 school board shall begin with the election of district school  
43 board members held in conjunction with the first primary  
44 election in the year 2004 and with the runoff, if any, during  
45 the general election of that year. In the year 2004, school  
46 board members from the newly created single-member Districts 4  
47 and 5 and the at-large seat for which election is to be held in  
48 that year, hereafter designated as District 1, shall be elected.  
49 An incumbent school board member from the previously existing  
50 school board member residence area 1 or area 3 and the incumbent  
51 in the at-large seat elected in the year 2000 may seek  
52 reelection from one of the newly created single-member Districts  
53 4 and 5 if he or she resides within such district, or may seek  
54 reelection from at-large District 1.

55 (3) Year 2006; complete implementation.--The conversion to  
56 single-member representation on the district school board shall



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57 be fully implemented with the election of district school board  
58 members held in conjunction with the first primary and general  
59 elections in the year 2006. In the year 2006, school board  
60 members from the newly created single-member Districts 6 and 7  
61 and the newly created at-large Districts 2 and 3 shall be  
62 elected. An incumbent school board member from the previously  
63 existing school board member residence area 2, area 4, or area 5  
64 and the incumbent in the at-large seat elected in the year 2002  
65 may seek reelection from one of the newly created single-member  
66 Districts 6 and 7 if he or she resides within such district, or  
67 may seek reelection from at-large District 2 or 3.

68 (4) Subsequent years.--Thereafter, the governing body of  
69 the district school board shall consist of seven members, with  
70 four members from single-member districts and three members from  
71 the county at large as provided in this act. All elections for  
72 district school board members shall be nonpartisan and held at  
73 the same time as the first primary and general elections as  
74 provided by law, and district school board members shall be  
75 elected to appropriately staggered terms of 4 years. Each  
76 candidate for election to the district school board must be a  
77 qualified elector of the county and, if seeking election to a  
78 single-member residence area, a registered voter of that  
79 residence area at the time of qualifying. Each person elected to  
80 the district school board from a single-member residence area  
81 shall be elected only by the electors residing in the single-  
82 member district for which he or she qualified. Each person  
83 elected to the district school board shall take office on the  
84 third Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the year in



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85 | which he or she was elected. If certification of the election is  
86 | delayed, the person elected shall take office at the next  
87 | regular meeting of the district school board after final  
88 | certification.

89 | Section 2. To the extent of any conflict, the provisions  
90 | of this act shall supersede the provisions of chapter 2001-294,  
91 | Laws of Florida.

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