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1 Senator Siplin, Wise, and Hill moved the following amendment to
2 amendment (325318):

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4 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

5 Between line(s) 1581 and 1582

6 insert:

7 Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 1001.364, Florida
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1001.364 Alternate procedure for election of district
10 school board chair.--

11 (2) A proposition calling for the district school board
12 chair to be elected by districtwide vote shall be submitted to
13 the electors of the school district at any primary, general, or
14 otherwise-called special election in either of the following
15 manners:

16 (a) The district school board may adopt a formal resolution
17 directing that the proposition be placed on the ballot; or



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18           (b) The electors of the school district may petition to  
19 have the proposition placed on the ballot by presenting to the  
20 district school board petitions signed by not less than 10  
21 percent of the duly qualified electors residing within the school  
22 district. The number of signatures required shall be determined  
23 by the supervisor of elections according to the number of  
24 registered electors in the school district as of the date the  
25 petitioning electors register as a political committee as  
26 provided in subsection (3).

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28 Such an election may not be held before January 1, 2009.

29           Section 15. Task force on elected school board  
30 chairs.--There is created the Task Force on Elected School Board  
31 Chairs.

32           (1) The members of the task force shall consist of the  
33 following eight members:

34           (a) Five members appointed by the Governor, of which one  
35 shall be an elected school board member representing a single-  
36 member district, one shall be an appointed superintendent of  
37 schools, one shall be a member of a parent-teacher organization,  
38 and two shall be members of an organization interested in  
39 enforcement of the Federal Voting Rights Act. The Governor shall  
40 designate one of his or her appointees as the chair.

41           (b) One member who is a senator appointed by the President  
42 of the Senate, who shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting  
43 member.

44           (c) On member who is a representative appointed by the  
45 Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as an ex  
46 officio, non-voting member.



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47 (d) The Secretary of Education, or his or her designee, who  
48 shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

49 (2) The task force shall convene its initial meeting by  
50 September 1, 2008, and thereafter at the call of its chair. Task  
51 Force members may not receive remuneration for their services,  
52 but are entitled to reimbursement by the Legislative Committee on  
53 Intergovernmental Relations for travel and per diem expenses in  
54 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

55 (3) The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental  
56 Relations shall serve as staff to the task force.

57 (4) All state agencies and local governments are directed  
58 to cooperate with and assist the task force to the fullest extent  
59 possible.

60 (5) The task force shall act as an advisory board to the  
61 Governor and the Legislature. The task force shall examine the  
62 effects of a county-wide elected chair of the school board,  
63 including the effects on school board governance and legal issues  
64 related to the implementation of ss. 1001.364 and 1001.365,  
65 Florida Statutes. The task force shall submit a report on its  
66 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
67 the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before February  
68 1, 2009.

69 (6) The task force shall expire February 28, 2009.

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71 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 On line(s) 4678, after the first semicolon,  
74 insert:

75 amending s. 1001.364, F.S.; postponing an election of a  
76 districtwide school board chair until a certain date;



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77 |       creating the Task Force on Elected School Board Chairs;  
78 |       providing membership, meetings, staffing, and duties;  
79 |       providing for members to serve without compensation but to  
80 |       be reimbursed for per diem and traveling expenses;  
81 |       requiring the task force to submit a report to the  
82 |       Governor and the Legislature; providing an expiration  
83 |       date.