

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to district school boards; amending s.
3 1001.371, F.S.; requiring that each district school
4 board organize and elect a chair at a publicly noticed
5 meeting after the first Tuesday after the first Monday
6 in November of each year, but before the end of
7 November; providing an exception if the chair is
8 elected by a districtwide vote; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 1001.371, Florida Statutes, is amended
14 to read:

15 1001.371 Organization of district school board.—At a
16 publicly noticed meeting after the first ~~on the third~~ Tuesday
17 after the first Monday in November of each year, but before the
18 end of November, the district school board shall organize by
19 electing a chair. It may elect a vice chair, and the district
20 school superintendent shall act ex officio as the secretary. If
21 a vacancy should occur in the position of chair, the district
22 school board shall proceed to elect a chair at the next ensuing
23 regular or special meeting. At the organization meeting, the
24 district school superintendent shall act as chair until the
25 organization is completed. The chair and secretary shall then
26 make and sign a copy of the proceedings of organization,
27 including the schedule for regular meetings and the names and
28 addresses of all district school officers, and annex their
29 affidavits that the same is a true and correct copy of the

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30 original, and the secretary shall file the document within 2
31 weeks with the Department of Education. This section does not
32 apply to any school district with a district school board chair
33 who is elected by districtwide vote.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.