

# CHAPTER 97-88

## Senate Bill No. 72

An act relating to district school board elections; providing for a referendum in certain counties with respect to the composition and manner of electing the school board; requiring affected school boards to provide an orderly transition to a school board so composed if approved by the electors; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) In a county that has a population of 1 million or more persons as of the last decennial census, other than a county as defined in section 125.011(1), Florida Statutes, the district school board shall submit to the electors for approval at a referendum to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1997, the question of whether the school board should be composed of nine members, seven of whom are to be elected from a single-member residence area by electors residing in the single-member residence area only, and two of whom are to be elected at-large, notwithstanding the provisions of section 230.061, section 230.10, or section 230.105, Florida Statutes.

(2) If the electors approve such election of district school board members, the seven single-member residence areas must be drawn by the school board, and the district school board shall provide for the orderly transition to such election of school board members as the terms of incumbent school board members expire.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 24, 1997.

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