

**REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 289 of 1964**

\*\*\*\*\* 388.685 THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONAL EXPIRATION: See 388.693 \*\*\*\*\*

**388.685 Intermediate district committee for reorganization of school districts; membership, election, vacancies, organization.**

Sec. 5. (1) A committee shall be organized in each intermediate district in the state to be known as the intermediate district committee for the reorganization of school districts. The intermediate district superintendent of schools shall be nonvoting chairman of the intermediate district committee, and he shall preside over all meetings of the intermediate district committee. The intermediate district committee shall complete the requirements of this act and comply with the requests made by the state committee.

There shall be 18 members on the intermediate district committee each of whom shall be a registered resident elector. In intermediate districts containing no district operating 12 grades or more and in intermediate districts containing no non-high school districts the committee shall consist of 13 members.

(2) Members of the intermediate district committee shall be chosen as follows:

(a) The intermediate board of education shall appoint 3 of its members to serve on the committee.

(b) The intermediate district superintendent of schools, by notice sent by mail, shall call a meeting of the boards of education of all school districts operating a program of 12 grades or more in the intermediate district. The meeting shall be held at some convenient place within the intermediate district within 60 days after the effective date of this act. The intermediate district superintendent shall act as chairman of this meeting, and the board members shall elect by ballot 5 persons to serve on the intermediate district committee not more than 2 of whom shall be from any one constituent district, unless there are fewer districts than there are positions to fill. The 5 persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. No person may be elected to or serve on the committee who is an employee of any constituent school district or of the intermediate school district. The chairman shall appoint 3 or more tellers to conduct the election and to canvass the vote. Whenever not more than 2 of the 5 members fail to serve on the committee, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy from the same constituent district in which the vacancy occurs. Whenever 3 or more vacancies occur at the same time, the vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original committee members were elected.

(c) The intermediate district superintendent of schools, by notice sent by mail, shall call a meeting of the boards of education of all school districts operating less than a twelve-grade program in the intermediate district. The meeting shall be held at some convenient place within the intermediate district within 60 days after the effective date of this act. The intermediate district superintendent shall act as chairman of this meeting, and the board members shall elect by ballot 5 persons to serve on the intermediate district committee not more than 2 of whom shall be from any one constituent district, unless there are fewer districts than there are positions to be filled. The 5 persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. No person may be elected to or serve on the committee who is an employee of any constituent school district or of the intermediate school district. The chairman shall appoint 3 or more tellers to conduct the election and to canvass the vote. Whenever not more than 2 of the 5 members fail to serve on the committee, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy from the same constituent district in which the vacancy occurs. Whenever 3 or more vacancies occur at the same time, the vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original committee members were elected.

(d) The intermediate district superintendent of schools, by notice sent by letter, shall notify the probate judge of the area, who, within 60 days after the effective date of this act, shall appoint 5 members to the committee fairly representing all areas of the intermediate district. The qualifications of these members shall be the same as those of the other members of the committee. The probate judge shall fill all vacancies that may occur among his appointees. In any intermediate district where there are 2 or more probate judges the judges acting jointly shall make the appointments.

(3) Organization of the intermediate district committee shall be completed in each district within 6 months after the effective date of this act. If an intermediate district committee has not been organized within 6 months, the state committee shall appoint the members within 60 days thereafter. In which event the same limitations shall apply as provided in this section.

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