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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-23-8-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "plan" means the
4 manner in which the governing body of a school corporation is
5 constituted, including the number, qualifications, length of terms,
6 manner, and time of selection, either by appointment or by election of
7 the members of the governing body, **or the conversion of a governing**
8 **body under section 26 of this chapter.**
- 9 SECTION 2. IC 20-23-8-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
10 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 17. (a) The clerk shall create the form of notice of
12 the election and the ballot not more than thirty (30) days after receiving
13 the certification from the state board as required by section 15 **or 26** of
14 this chapter. The notice must:
- 15 (1) state the date when the election shall take place; and
16 (2) describe generally the plans to be voted upon.
- 17 (b) The text of the public question on the ballot must include a

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- 1 description of the plan proposed, including:
- 2 (1) the number of members on the board;
- 3 (2) the number of electoral or resident member districts, if any;
- 4 (3) the number of at-large districts, if any;
- 5 (4) a general description of the geographical boundaries of the
- 6 districts, referring to civil boundaries where applicable or merely
- 7 general descriptions, such as the north half or north part of a
- 8 civil geographical district or the territory north of a geographical
- 9 boundary; and
- 10 (5) other information sufficient to distinguish a plan from other
- 11 plans.

12 If the text of the public question includes a description of the plan

13 regarding how the current board is organized, as required by subsection

14 (d), the plan must be identified as the existing plan.

15 (c) If only one (1) plan is proposed, the ballot shall be prepared so

16 that voters who wish to vote on the plan must cast either an affirmative

17 vote or a negative vote.

18 (d) If more than one (1) plan is proposed, the plan organizing the

19 governing body must appear on the ballot as an option. The text of the

20 public question must include a description of the existing plan that

21 meets the criteria specified in subsection (b). The ballot must be

22 prepared so that voters who wish to vote on the plans may vote for only

23 one (1) plan.

24 (e) The text of the public question must be placed on the ballot in

25 the form prescribed by IC 3-10-9-4.

26 (f) Subject to IC 3-12-1, the notice or ballot is not invalid if there

27 has been a good faith effort to comply with this section.

28 SECTION 3. IC 20-23-8-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 26. (a) Except as provided in**

31 **subsection (b), a school corporation's elected or appointed**

32 **governing body may not:**

- 33 (1) be converted to an appointed advisory board;
- 34 (2) be converted to an appointed corporation; or
- 35 (3) delegate the governing body's authority to an appointed
- 36 advisory board or an appointed corporation.

37 (b) A school corporation's governing body may be converted

38 to an appointed advisory board or an appointed corporation, or

39 may delegate its authority to an appointed advisory board or

40 appointed corporation, only by a ballot initiative as described in

41 subsection (c).

42 (c) A school corporation seeking to convert the corporation's

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1 governing body under subsection (b) may file a petition with the
2 state board. Upon approval by the state board, the county election
3 board of the county in which the school corporation is located shall
4 create the form of notice of the election and the ballot as described
5 in section 17 of this chapter, to be voted on at the next general
6 election.

7 (d) If the ballot initiative described in subsection (c) is
8 approved by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voters, the school
9 corporation's governing body may be converted.

10 (e) If a ballot initiative is approved as described under
11 subsection (d), the legislative body of the municipality in which the
12 school corporation is located must create a public engagement
13 process to create the converted governing body.

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