

HOUSE BILL No. 2585

AN ACT relating to school districts; relating to changing board member district boundaries; relating to assessed valuation of school districts; amending K.S.A. 72-6769 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-1071.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-6769 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6769. (a) (1) *Except as provided by paragraph (3), the board of education of any school district may change the boundaries of board member districts, if any, within the school district, including any territory added thereto at any time the board determines such change is necessary.* The board is directed to make any appropriate changes in the board member districts of the school district by resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the board ~~in the month of October next preceding every regular election of board members of the school district.~~ *The board shall draw boundaries of board member districts that are as compact and equal in population as possible. The boundaries of board member districts shall be drawn, to the extent practical, to include whole voting precincts. Upon a finding by the board that whole voting precincts cannot be included, boundaries shall be drawn to include whole census blocks.*

(2) *If the population of any board member district is at least 5% above or 5% below the mean population of all board member districts within the school district, based upon the most recently published federal decennial census or upon population estimates as determined by the county election officer of the home county of the school district, the board of education of such school district shall change the boundaries of the board member districts so that the population of any board member district is not greater than 5% above nor 5% below the mean population of all board member districts within the school district. If the board does not change the boundaries as required by this paragraph, the county or district attorney of the home county of the school district shall notify the board of its duty to make such changes. If within 60 days after receiving such notification, the board fails to change the boundaries as required by this paragraph, the county or district attorney shall file an action in the district court of such county requesting an order to compel the school board to change the board member district boundaries as required by this paragraph.*

(3) *No boundary changes shall be made during the ninety-day period preceding any regular election of the school district. Such resolution shall be published one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the district, and such publication shall be made within two weeks after the adoption of such resolution. No action shall be brought in any court to contest the location of the boundaries of any member district except within 60 days immediately following the publication of such resolution. Any such action shall be filed in the name of the state by a county or district attorney or the attorney general in a district court of competent jurisdiction. Such a court is authorized to advance any such action on its docket for early determination to facilitate the conduct of elections to be held in the unified district.*

(b) *Amendments to board member district boundaries may be made to correct errors therein or to make the territory thereof more practicable. In the event of transfer of any territory into a school district, such territory shall be assigned to one or more board member districts, if any, by the board of education by resolution duly adopted no later than 60 days prior to any regular election in the school district. In the event of transfer of any territory out of the school district, board member districts shall be adjusted, if needed, by the board by resolution duly adopted no later than 60 days prior to any regular election in the school district.*

Whenever the boundaries of any board member district are changed, the board of education shall immediately notify, in writing, the county election officer of the home county of the school district. Such notice shall describe the boundaries as changed.

New Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "School district" means unified school district No. 404, unified school district No. 493, unified school district No. 499 and unified school district No. 508.

(2) "Property" means any property, and improvements thereon, comprising a racetrack gaming facility or lottery gaming facility under the Kansas expanded lottery act located in Cherokee county.

(3) "State aid" means general state aid, supplemental general state

aid, capital improvements state aid, capital outlay state aid and any other state aid paid, distributed or allocated to school districts under the school district finance and quality performance act or other law, and any other state aid paid, distributed or allocated to school districts on the basis of the assessed valuation of school districts.

(b) For the purposes of computing the assessed valuation of school districts for the payment, distribution or allocation of state aid and the levying of school taxes, ¼ of the assessed valuation of such property shall be assigned to each of the school districts.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the property is not or ceases to be used as a racetrack gaming facility or a lottery gaming facility under the Kansas expanded lottery act.

New Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "School district" means unified school district No. 507 and unified school district No. 374.

(2) "Property" means the following described property, and improvements thereon, comprised of 1,120 acres, more or less, located in Haskell county: All of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 33 West and the West ½ of Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 33 West and the North-east Quarter of Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 33 West.

(3) "State aid" means general state aid, supplemental general state aid, capital improvements state aid, capital outlay state aid and any other state aid paid, distributed or allocated to school districts under the school district finance and quality performance act or other law, and any other state aid paid, distributed or allocated to school districts on the basis of the assessed valuation of school districts.

(b) For the purposes of computing the assessed valuation of school districts for the payment, distribution or allocation of state aid and the levying of school taxes, ½ of the assessed valuation of such property shall be assigned to each of the school districts.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the property is not or ceases to be used for the production of ethanol.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 72-6769 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-1071 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.