

## Assembly Bill No. 2872

### CHAPTER 126

An act to amend Section 5019 of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2872, Huff. School districts: organization: governing board trustees.

Existing law authorizes a county committee on school district organization, except as specified, to establish, rearrange the boundaries of, and abolish school district trustee areas and community college district trustee areas, and to increase or decrease the number of members of the governing boards, as specified, or to adopt one of the alternative methods of electing governing board members, as specified. Existing law authorizes a county committee on school district organization to establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district by presenting the issue to the qualified registered voters within those boundaries, as specified.

Existing law provides that a proposal to make any of the changes described above may be initiated by the county committee on school district organization or made to the county committee on school district organization either by a petition signed by a certain number of qualified registered voters residing in the district, as provided, or by resolution of the governing board of the district.

This bill would revise the number of qualified registered voters, as provided, whose signatures are required for purposes of submitting the petition to the county committee on school district organization.

This bill would correct erroneous cross-references and make various technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions of existing law.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 5019 of the Education Code is amended to read:

5019. (a) Except in a school district governed by a board of education provided for in the charter of a city or city and county, in any school district or community college district, the county committee on school district organization may establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, abolish trustee areas, and increase to seven or decrease to five the number of members of the governing board, or adopt one of the

alternative methods of electing governing board members specified in Section 5030.

(b) The county committee on school district organization may establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of the high school district. The resolution of the county committee on school district organization approving the establishment or abolition of a common governing board shall be presented to the electors of the school districts as specified in Section 5020.

(c) (1) A proposal to make the changes described in subdivision (a) or (b) may be initiated by the county committee on school district organization or made to the county committee on school district organization either by a petition signed by 5 percent or 50, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,500 or fewer qualified registered voters, by 3 percent or 100, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 2,501 to 10,000 qualified registered voters, by 1 percent or 250, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 10,001 to 50,000 qualified registered voters, by 500 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 50,001 to 100,000 qualified registered voters, by 750 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 100,001 to 250,000 qualified registered voters, or by 1,000 or more of the qualified registered voters residing in a district in which there are 250,001 or more qualified registered voters or by resolution of the governing board of the district. For this purpose, the necessary signatures for a petition shall be obtained within a period of 180 days before the submission of the petition to the county committee on school district organization and the number of qualified registered voters in the district shall be determined pursuant to the most recent report submitted by the county elections official to the Secretary of State under Section 2187 of the Elections Code.

(2) When a proposal is made pursuant to paragraph (1), the county committee on school district organization shall call and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter. At the conclusion of the hearing, the county committee on school district organization shall approve or disapprove the proposal.

(d) If the county committee on school district organization approves pursuant to subdivision (a) the rearrangement of the boundaries of trustee areas for a particular district, then the rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effectuated for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval, unless at least 5 percent of the registered voters of the district sign a petition requesting an election on the proposed rearrangement of trustee area boundaries. The petition for an election shall be submitted to the county elections official within 60 days of the proposal's adoption by the county committee on school district organization. If the qualified registered voters approve pursuant to subdivision (b) or (c) the rearrangement of the boundaries to the trustee

areas for a particular district, the rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effective for the next district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval by the voters.

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