



S.F. No. 197 – Student School Board Membership

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Section 1. Boards of Independent School Districts.

Subdivision 1. School board membership. Adds student members to the school board. Defines “elected members” as a voting member elected under chapter 205A or appointed to fill a vacancy. Excludes student member from that definition.

Subd. 1b. Student members. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the elected members of a school board must establish a process to select two students enrolled in the district to be named to the school board. Student school board members must be a resident of the district and enrolled in the district in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12. The selection process must provide for enrolled students in grades 9 through 12 to vote for the student member. Student board members serve a two-year term and may serve no more than two terms. Allows student board members to attend meetings, introduce items for inclusion on board agendas, participate in discussion, and vote on any matter before the board.

Subd. 2. School board member training. Includes student board members in the school board member training requirements.

Subd. 3. Causes for school board member vacancy. Establishes a vacancy for a student school board member when the student ceases to be enrolled in the district.

Subd. 5b. Appointments to fill vacancies; special elections. Excludes student school board member vacancies from the appointment and special election process.

Subd. 12. Board to fix compensation. Allows student school board members to receive compensation, like elected board members, as determined by the board.

Sec. 2. Board Members: Number, Term, Staggering.

Subdivision 1. Five members. Adds two student members to the Cook County School District school board. Defines “elected member” as a voting member elected under chapter 205A. Excludes student member from that definition.

Subd. 1a. Student members. Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the elected members of a school board must establish a process to select two students enrolled in the district to be named to

the school board. Student school board members must be a resident of the district and enrolled in the district in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12. The selection process must provide for enrolled students in grades 9 through 12 to vote for the student member. Student board members serve a two-year term and may serve no more than two terms. Allows student board members to attend meetings, introduce items for inclusion on board agendas, participate in discussion, and vote on any matter before the board.

Sec. 3. Board: Number, Term, Pay, Vacancies.

Subdivision 1. **Number, term, pay.** Adds two student members to Minneapolis Public Schools school board. Defines “elected member” as a voting member elected under chapter 205A. Excludes student member from that definition.

Subd.1a. **Student member.** Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the elected members of a school board must establish a process to select two students enrolled in the district to be named to the school board. Student school board members must be a resident of the district and enrolled in the district in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12. The selection process must provide for enrolled students in grades 9 through 12 to vote for the student member. Student board members serve a two-year term and may serve no more than two terms. Allows student board members to attend meetings, introduce items for inclusion on board agendas, participate in discussion, and vote on any matter before the board.

Sec. 4. Size and type of membership. Clarifies that the Minneapolis school board consists of six elected members elected by district, three elected members elected at-large, and two student members selected by the process established by the elected members of the school board under subdivision 1a.



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