

CHAPTER 239—S.F.No. 358

An act relating to school board elections; Special School District No. 1; providing for six members to be elected by district and three to be elected at-large.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DISTRICTS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

Subdivision 1. **Size and type of membership.** Notwithstanding contrary provisions in Minnesota Statutes, section 205A.12, or other law, the board of Special School District No. 1 shall consist of six members elected by district and three members elected at-large.

Subd. 2. **Election district boundaries.** The school board shall designate each election district by number. Three districts must have odd numbers and three districts must have even numbers. The board may provide for election districts that correspond to the Minneapolis Park Board election districts or may designate different district boundaries for the school election districts, except that each school election district must be as equal in population as practicable and composed of compact, contiguous territory. When districts are redrawn following a census, members continue to serve until the expiration of the term to which they were elected.

Subd. 3. **Board elections.** A candidate for school board must file an affidavit of candidacy to be elected as a school board member for the election district where the candidate resides or for one of the at-large seats. A candidate must indicate on the affidavit the number of the district from which the candidate seeks election, or if applicable, that the candidate seeks one of the offices elected at-large.

Subd. 4. **Transition.** (a) A board member elected at the 2006 election shall complete the term to which the member was elected. At the 2008 election, districts with odd numbers must elect members of the board and districts with even numbers must not elect a member. Two at-large members must be elected, bringing the board to a total of nine members. At the 2010 election, districts with even numbers must elect members of the board and one at-large member must be elected.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 2, for the 2008 and 2010 elections, the territory in each school election district shall consist of the territory included in a corresponding Minneapolis Park Board election district.

Sec. 2. LOCAL APPROVAL.

Section 1 is effective the day after the school board of Special School District No. 1 and its clerk file their compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3. If this compliance is not filed by the opening date of candidate filing for the 2008 school district elections, the board must place on the ballot the question whether to approve section 1 and the transition schedule in section 1, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), is delayed by two years.

Presented to the governor May 22, 2006

Signed by the governor May 26, 2006, 4:55 p.m.