CHAPTER 205A

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

205A.04 GENERAL ELECTION.

Subdivision 1. **School district general election.** Except as may be provided in a special law or charter provision to the contrary, the general election in each school district must be held on the third Tuesday in May, unless the school board provides by resolution for holding the school district general election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. When the time of a school district's general election is changed from May to November, the terms of all board members shall be lengthened to expire on January 1; when the time of a school district's general election is changed from November to May, the terms of all board members shall be shortened to expire on July 1. Whenever the time of a school district election is changed, the school district clerk shall immediately notify in writing the county auditor or auditors of the counties in which the school district is located and the secretary of state of the change of date.

Subd. 2. **Experimental election; authorization.** The school board in independent school district No. 271 may, by resolution, designate the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of either the odd-numbered or the even-numbered year as the date for its general election, and may reduce the existing terms of school board members to provide for staggered four-year terms thereafter. The resolution shall provide that, to the extent mathematically possible, the same number of board members is chosen at each election, exclusive of those chosen to fill vacancies for unexpired terms. Whenever the year of a school district election is changed, the school district clerk shall immediately notify in writing the county auditors of Hennepin and Scott counties and the secretary of state of the change of date. The secretary of state shall report to the legislature by January 15, 1993, on the implementation of this subdivision.

History: *1991 c 227 s 22*

205A.07 NOTICE.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 3. **Notice to auditor.** At least 45 days prior to every school district election, the school district clerk shall provide a written notice to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located. The notice must include the date of the election and the offices and questions to be voted on at the election. For the purposes of meeting the timelines of this section, in a bond election, a notice, including a proposed question, may be provided to the county auditor prior to receipt of a review and comment from the commissioner of education and prior to actual initiation of the election.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1990]

History: *1991 c 227 s 23*

205A.12 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DISTRICTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 6. **Redefining election district boundaries.** The school board may by resolution redefine district boundaries after a school district general election. The board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed resolution before its adoption. One week's published notice of the hearing must be given. After the official certification of the federal

decennial or special census, the school board shall either confirm the existing election district boundaries as conforming to the standards of subdivision 4 or redefine election district boundaries to conform to those standards as provided in section 204B.135, subdivision 2. If the school board fails to take either action within the time required, no further compensation may be paid to the school board members until the districts are either reconfirmed or redefined as required by this section. A resolution establishing election district boundaries pursuant to section 204B.135, subdivision 2, becomes effective on the date of the state primary election in the year ending in two. Election district boundaries established at other times become effective 90 days after the adoption of the resolution.

History: *1991 c 349 s 39*