



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 58 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: January 14, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Gerberry

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Changes the voting membership of the State Board of Education

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill reduces the voting membership of the State Board of Education from 19 to a number that depends on the number of congressional districts in the state. Currently, the number of members under the bill is 17. The reduction in the number of board members may result in a reduction in expenditures for board member salaries and expenses.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- County boards of elections may incur administrative costs for having to adjust State Board of Education elections to the changes made by the bill. Any costs are not likely to exceed minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Reduction in number of board members

The State Board of Education is currently made up of 19 voting members, including 11 members elected from specified electoral districts and eight members appointed by the Governor. Each voting member receives a salary for the member's service, as well as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing official duties. Salaries and expenses of the board members are paid by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

The bill changes the voting membership of the State Board to consist of members elected from districts that coincide with the state's congressional districts. If the number of such districts is even, the bill requires the Governor to appoint an additional member who may vote to break any ties among the elected members. The current number of congressional districts in the state is 16, so the bill reduces the current number of voting members from 19 to 17 (16 elected plus one appointed). As a result, ODE's expenditures for board member salaries and expenses may decrease. In future years, the number of board members may increase or decrease, depending on the number of congressional districts.

Change in electoral districts

Currently, each of the 11 State Board electoral districts consists of three state Senate districts. Under the bill, the number of State Board electoral districts increases and the boundaries change to reflect the boundaries of Ohio's 16 congressional districts. As a result, county boards of elections may incur administrative costs to increase the number of State Board elections and align State Board candidates with the new district boundaries. These costs, however, are not likely to exceed minimal.