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AN ACT RELATING TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY; AMENDING CHAPTER 92-341, LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED; AMENDING ARTICLE 13, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 13.01, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS BE COUNTY OFFICERS SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE IV, FLORIDA CONSTITUTION; AMENDING SECTION 13.02, TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13.01; AMENDING SECTION 13.03 TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13.01; AMENDING SECTION 13.04, TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13.01; AMENDING SECTION 13.05, TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES IN OFFICE BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 13.15, TO MAKE THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13.01; PROVIDING FOR HOLDOVER BY CURRENT MEMBERS [PROVIDING A SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION]; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Article 13, of chapter 92-341, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows

ARTICLE 13.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Section 13.01. - Duval County Board of Public Instruction continued and renamed.

The Duval County Board of Public Instruction is renamed the Duval County School Board, a body corporate, hereinafter called "school board." The school board shall consist of seven members ~~elected in a nonpartisan district election~~appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. The school board shall be responsible for the public school system in Duval County, and all general and special laws applicable thereto shall continue in full force and effect, except as herein expressly provided to the contrary. Members shall be subject to removal by the mayor upon confirmation by the council.

Section 13.02. - School board districts.

Members of the school board shall be ~~elected~~appointed from one of the seven school board districts hereby created and established. Each school board district shall be composed of two adjoining council districts as set forth in appendix 2 of this charter.

Sec. 13.03. - Redistricting of school board districts.

Within 8 months after publication of each official federal census of Duval County, the council shall redistrict the seven school board districts so that all districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable. In the event that the council shall be unable to complete the redistricting of the school board districts within 8 months after the publication of that census, the city's general counsel shall petition the circuit court for the judicial circuit having jurisdiction over Duval County to make such redistricting. Any redistricting of the school board districts made pursuant to this section shall not affect any term of office in existence at the date of such redistricting but shall be applicable only to the next succeeding school board ~~election~~member appointment.

Section 13.04. - Qualifications of board members.

Members of the Duval County School Board shall be electors of and residents of the school board districts ~~in~~from which they are ~~elected~~appointed, and each shall have resided in and been a qualified elector of the school board district ~~in~~from which he or she ~~runs for office~~is appointed for at least 183 consecutive days immediately before the date on which he or she ~~qualifies to run for the office of~~is appointed as a member of the school board. Members shall not hold any other public office or public employment except

as notary public, member of the armed services, or federal office or employment.

Section 13.05. - Vacancies.

A school board member shall forfeit his office if at any time during his term of office he lacks any qualification for the office prescribed by this charter. In the event that a vacancy in the school board occurs, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by ~~election of a school board member at a special election to be called pursuant to resolution of the city council and held on a date no sooner than 1 month and no later than 6 months after the vacancy occurs. This special election shall, if possible, be held in conjunction with any other election scheduled to be held within the county~~appointment by the mayor and confirmation by the council. Any resignation by a school board member shall be submitted in writing to the ~~supervisor of elections~~mayor, with a copy to the secretary of the city council, shall specify the date on which it is effective, and shall be irrevocable. If any school board member submits a resignation which is effective at a date later than that on which it is submitted, the ~~city council may, by resolution, call a special election for the election of a successor, this special election to be held on a date not less than 1 month after the date the resignation is submitted nor more than 6 months prior to the date the resignation~~

~~is effective; and such special election shall, if possible, be held in conjunction with any other election scheduled to be held within the county. In the event that this special election cannot be held within the 1 to 6-month period prior to the qualifying period for the next general statewide election at which such office would be filled for a full term, then no special election shall be held and the office shall remain vacant until filled at the next general statewide election for the full term. Should it be possible to hold the special election to fill a vacancy in the school board at the same time that another election is being held in the county, then this special election shall take place on the date of the first primary of the other election and if a runoff election is required, it shall be held on the date that the other election is held whether it be another special election, a general statewide election or a consolidated general government election. A vacancy in the school board shall not be temporarily filled in any manner and shall continue until filled in the manner provided in this section~~the mayor may appoint, subject to confirmation by the council, a successor to take office the day after the effective date of the resignation.

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Section 13.15. - Two term limit.

No person ~~elected and qualified~~appointed for two consecutive full terms as a Member of the Duval County School Board shall be eligible for ~~election~~appointment as a Member of the Duval County School Board for the next succeeding term. The two-term limitation shall apply to any full term which began in 1992 or thereafter.

Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that members serving at the time of the effective date of this law shall continue in office until such time as a successor is appointed and confirmed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.