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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the City of Tallassee; to provide for the compensation of members of the Tallassee City Board of Education; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-26A-60 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-26A-60

(a) There is hereby established a school board for the City of Tallassee, Alabama, which ~~board~~ shall be called the Tallassee Board of Education. The members of such board shall be elected by vote of the qualified electors of the City of Tallassee, Alabama, as ~~hereinafter~~ provided in this section. The board shall be composed of seven members, with one member of ~~such~~ the board being elected from each of seven school districts as defined in subsection (b).

(b) The school districts from which ~~such~~ board members are to be elected shall be geographically identical to the districts from which the council members of the City of Tallassee are elected. In the event the boundaries of a city



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29 council district should be changed for any reason, the
30 boundaries of the corresponding school board district within
31 the City of Tallassee shall automatically change accordingly
32 without the necessity of further action by the Legislature.

33 (c) Candidates for each place on ~~such~~ the board of
34 education shall be at least 21 years of age, residents of the
35 school board district which they seek to represent on such
36 board for at least 90 consecutive days prior to the deadline
37 date for qualifying as a candidate, and shall not have a
38 record of conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude.
39 At the time of qualifying, each candidate for each place on
40 ~~such~~ the board shall pay ~~such~~ a qualifying fee ~~as shall be~~
41 prescribed by the City Council of Tallassee, Alabama, not
42 later than six months prior to the qualifying deadline as
43 provided by law. ~~Provided, however, that the qualification fee~~
44 ~~for the first elections to be held for the board created by~~
45 ~~this section shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each~~
46 ~~candidate.~~

47 (d) Elected school board members shall serve for
48 four-year terms with the elections and terms thereof
49 coinciding with those of the members of the City Council of
50 Tallassee, Alabama. The initial elections for elected board
51 members shall be held no later than 90 days next following
52 July 22, 1992. The initially elected board members shall serve
53 from the date on which they are sworn into office until the
54 swearing in of their successors next following the next
55 regularly scheduled city council and school board elections.
56 Terms of office for the initially elected board members shall



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57 terminate on the first Monday of October 1992, at noon or at
58 such time as their duly elected successors are sworn in
59 subsequent to the first Monday of October 1992. ~~Members of the~~
60 ~~board shall serve without compensation.~~

61 (e) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of
62 members of the city board of education, the vacancy shall be
63 filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining members
64 of the city board of education, and the appointee shall hold
65 for the unexpired term. In the event the vacancy is not filled
66 by the remaining members of the city board within 30 days, the
67 State Superintendent of Education shall fill such vacancy by
68 appointment. The city superintendent of education shall notify
69 the State Superintendent of Education when a vacancy in the
70 office of a member of the city board of education has not been
71 filled within 30 days.

72 (f) In the event no candidate receives a majority of
73 all of the votes cast for ~~anyone~~ one or more positions on ~~such~~
74 the school board, the city council shall order a runoff
75 election to be held separately or in conjunction with any
76 scheduled primary, special, or general election, at which
77 election the two candidates receiving the most votes for the
78 office in the initial election shall be the only candidates.
79 The candidate receiving the most votes in ~~such~~ the runoff
80 election shall be declared ~~as~~ to be elected. In the event of a
81 tie vote between ~~such~~ the runoff candidates, the then serving
82 city council shall decide the election by majority vote at a
83 special meeting called for such purpose by the council's
84 presiding officer.



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85 (g) All members of the board created by this section
86 shall represent the interests of any student of the city
87 school system who is not otherwise represented by a certain
88 district school board member as provided for in this section.

89 (h) Such board of education shall have the financial
90 records of the Tallassee School System audited at least
91 annually by an independent auditing firm with the results of
92 such audit being a matter of public record.

93 (i) The members of such board shall have such powers,
94 authority, duties, and responsibilities as are otherwise
95 provided by law for members of boards of education as set
96 forth in Chapter 11 of Title 16. The new board of education
97 elected under this section shall assume all of the
98 responsibilities, contracts, obligations, and liabilities of
99 the former board of education. ~~Provided further, such~~ The new
100 board shall assume ownership of any and all assets of ~~such~~ the
101 former board.

102 (j) (1) In accordance with Section 16-1-26(a), upon
103 approval by a majority vote of the board at the Tallassee City
104 Board of Education's annual meeting, each board member shall
105 receive reasonable compensation for his or her services in the
106 form of an expense allowance. The amount shall be set by a
107 majority of the members of the Tallassee City Board of
108 Education, not to exceed nine hundred dollars (\$900) per
109 month, in addition to any actual travel and necessary expenses
110 incurred in attending meetings and transacting business of the
111 board. The expense allowance provided by this subsection shall
112 become effective on the first day of the month following



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113 approval by the board.

114 (2) Commencing with the next term of office beginning
115 after June 1, 2026, and thereafter, the expense allowance
116 provided for in subdivision (1) shall be converted to a salary
117 for all members of the board.

118 (3) The compensation provided by this subsection shall
119 be subject to the requirements set forth in Section 16-1-26(d)
120 and Section 16-1-41.1(d)."

121 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
122 2026.