



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5717

Introduced 3/3/2022, by Rep. Debbie Meyers-Martin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/9-27 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, in an elementary district that is located entirely within a municipality with less than 50,000 inhabitants, a proposition to require members of the board of education to be appointed by the mayor or president of the municipality, rather than being elected, shall be certified by the secretary of the board of education to the proper election authority if a petition requesting the proposition is signed by electors of the school district numbering not less than 10% of the total vote cast at the last election for mayor or president of the municipality and the petition is filed with the secretary of the board of education. Requires the election authority to submit the proposition at an election in accordance with the Election Code. Specifies the requirement for the form of such a proposition. Provides that if a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of it, all existing terms of the board or education members shall expire on the date of the next regular election of board of education members or when a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later, and their successors shall be appointed by the mayor of the municipality for terms of 2 years.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 9-27 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/9-27 new)

7 Sec. 9-27. Changing from election to appointment of  
8 members of a board of education; elementary district within a  
9 municipality of less than 50,000 inhabitants. Notwithstanding  
10 any other provision of law to the contrary, in an elementary  
11 district that is located entirely within a municipality with  
12 less than 50,000 inhabitants, a proposition to require members  
13 of the board of education to be appointed by the mayor or  
14 president of the municipality, rather than being elected,  
15 shall be certified by the secretary of the board of education  
16 to the proper election authority if a petition requesting the  
17 proposition is signed by electors of the school district  
18 numbering not less than 10% of the total vote cast at the last  
19 election for mayor or president of the municipality and the  
20 petition is filed with the secretary of the board of  
21 education.

22 Upon receipt of a petition that meets the requirements of  
23 this Section from the secretary of the board of education, the

1 election authority shall submit the proposition at an election  
2 in accordance with the Election Code. The proposition shall be  
3 in substantially the following form:

4 Shall members of the Board of Education of (name of  
5 elementary school district) be appointed by the  
6 (Mayor/President) of (name of municipality)?

7 The election authority must record the votes as "Yes" or  
8 "No". If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in  
9 favor of it, all existing terms of the board of education  
10 members shall expire on the date of the next regular election  
11 of board of education members or when a successor is appointed  
12 and qualified, whichever is later, and their successors shall  
13 be appointed by the mayor or president of the municipality for  
14 terms of 2 years.