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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 962, L.D. 1325, Bill, "An Act to Make the State Board of Education Elected"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§401.~~" in subsection 2-A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1997" and inserting in its place the following: '1998'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in the last line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1998" and inserting in its place the following: '1999'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

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| Personal Services | \$7,700 |
| All Other | 3,850 |

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 962, L.D. 1325

2 Provides funds for the per diem and expense
3 costs related to an increase in the
4 membership of the State Board of Education.

6 **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
7 **TOTAL** \$11,550'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
9 summary the following:

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 **1998-99**

16 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

18 General Fund \$11,550

20 The State Board of Education will require a General Fund
21 appropriation of \$11,550 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the per diem
22 and expense costs of seven additional board members. The
23 estimated additional annual cost to the State Board of Education
24 is \$22,715.

26 The Department of the Secretary of State will require
27 additional General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1998-99 and
28 every fifth year thereafter for the ballot printing and mailing
29 and other election costs that will be incurred as a result of
30 this transition to an elected State Board of Education. The
31 amount of appropriations required can not be estimated at this
32 time. If the board candidates are required to be nominated at a
33 primary and through the petition process, the department will
34 incur additional costs for the printing of primary election
35 ballots and petitions.

36 The bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to
37 study the feasibility of restructuring the Department of
38 Education. The costs associated with this study can be absorbed
39 by the department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment changes the year in which election of State
45 Board of Education members begins and the date of the report of
46 the Commissioner of Education on the feasibility of restructuring
47 the Department of Education. The amendment also adds an
48 appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

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