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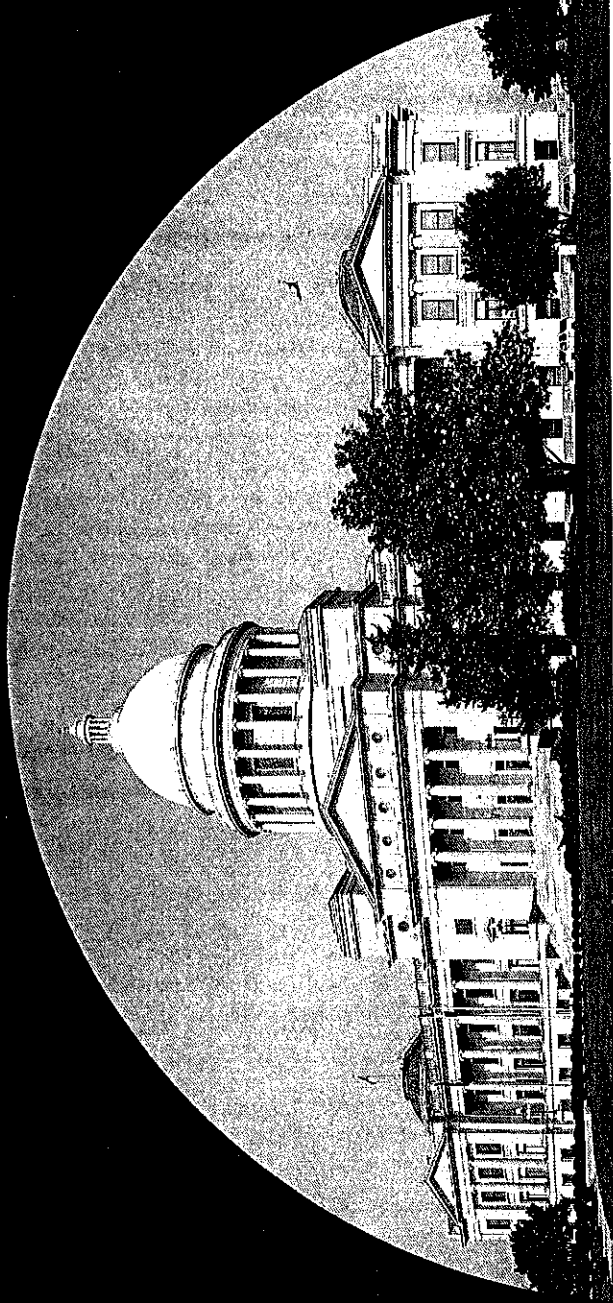
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Regular Session

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HB 1535 - Student Academics Presentation on Board Agenda

- Requires each regularly scheduled board agenda to include a report or presentation on student academic achievement.

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HB 1691 – Board Consolidated Grievances

- Authorizes the board, if they choose, to consolidate individually filed grievances that are identical in subject matter and outcome requests to be handled as a group.
- The individuals whose grievances were consolidated by the board may elect a representative or representatives who shall have a combined total of at least ninety (90) minutes to present on the grievance.

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HB 1739 – Appointee Board Members Not Holdovers

- Statutorily reinforced ASBA position that an individual who was appointed to the board is ineligible to continue to serve on the board if no one runs for their position at the school board election following their appointment without the individual being reappointed to the board.

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SB 543 – School Board Member Ethics Update

- **Becomes effective May 1, 2024.**
- Provides authority for the Ethics Commission to investigate ethics complaints against board members.
- Adds additional board member ethics standards.
- Provides different penalties if a board member **knowingly** violates or **should have known** they were violating ethics standards.

SB 543 – School Board Member Ethics Update (con't)

- **Becomes effective May 1, 2024.**
- **Adds the following reasons why a board may enter executive session:**
 - Pre-litigation discussions;
 - Litigation updates;
 - Discuss settlement offers;
 - Discuss superintendent contracts;
 - Discuss real property.
- **Allows the district attorney to enter executive session when requested by the board.**

HB 1495 – Deadline to Provide Millage Rate to County Clerk

Amends the deadline for when the millage information to be placed on the ballot must be provided to the county clerk from sixty (60) days to as follows:

- Seventy-two (72) days before the election in odd years or years when the Governor is on the ballot; or
- Eighty-nine (89) days before the election when the President is on the ballot.

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HB 1510 – Decreases Number of Special Election Dates

- Reduced options for special elections on even years to the preferential primary and general elections only.
- Reduced special election options in odd years to the second (2nd) Tuesday in May and November only.

SB 276 – Clarifies Fall School Board Elections Filing Period

- Clarifies that the filing period for school districts using the fall election cycle is ninety (90) days before the election, whether in an even or odd year.

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SB 277 – Amends Spring Candidate Filing Period

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- Amends the candidate filing deadline for elections in odd years or in even years when the Governor is on the ballot from March 1st to March 2nd.
- Amends the candidate filing deadline in years when the President is on the ballot to be eight (8) days after the first Monday in November, instead of seven (7) days.

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SB 254 – Eliminate Write-In Candidates

- Eliminates write-in candidates as an option for all elections, including school board races.

HB 1192 - Education Service Cooperatives

- Amends requirements regarding a board of directors of an educational service cooperative (ESC).
 - School boards appoint their representative to the ESC board (board resolution) (two-year term).
 - Representative may be the superintendent, district employee, school board member, or community member.

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HB 1604 - Board-to-Board Transfers

Requires a transfer petition received by a school district to be placed on the agenda of the next regular monthly board meeting or a specially called meeting.

- o Board shall not delegate its authority to deny a petition for a transfer received.
- o Parent shall be given at least five (5) minutes to present their student's case for a transfer.
- o Parent can appeal to State Board.