

HB 333 INTRODUCED BY KEENAN, ET AL.
CHANGE METHOD OF DETERMINING NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL
TRUSTEE POSITIONS

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1 House BILL NO. 333
 2 INTRODUCED BY Keenan Menahan

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD
 5 FOR ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE POSITION FOR
 6 REPRESENTATION FOR ANY TERRITORY OF THE DISTRICT THAT IS
 7 WITHOUT AUTOMATIC REPRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT BOARD OF
 8 TRUSTEES; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-3-352, MCA."

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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 20-3-352, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "20-3-352. Request and determination of number of high
 13 school district additional trustee positions. (1) As
 14 provided in 20-3-351(1)(b), each high school district,
 15 except a high school district operating a county high
 16 school, may have additional trustee positions when the
 17 trustees of a majority of the elementary districts with
 18 territory located in the high school district, but without
 19 representation on the high school district trustees under
 20 the provision of 20-3-351(1)(a), request the establishment
 21 of such additional trustee positions.

22 (2) A request for additional trustee positions shall
 23 be made to the county superintendent by a resolution of the
 24 trustees of each elementary district. When a resolution has
 25 been received from a majority of the elementary districts

1 without representation on the high school district trustees,
 2 the county superintendent shall determine the number of
 3 additional trustee positions for the affected high school
 4 district in accordance with the following procedure:

5 (a) The taxable valuation of the elementary district
 6 which has its trustees placed on the high school trustees
 7 shall be divided by the number of positions on the trustees
 8 of such elementary district to determine the taxable
 9 valuation per trustee position.

10 (b) The taxable valuation used for the calculation in
 11 subsection (2)(a) above shall be subtracted from the taxable
 12 valuation of the high school district to determine the
 13 taxable valuation of the territory of the high school
 14 district without representation on the high school district
 15 trustees.

16 (c) The taxable valuation determined in subsection
 17 (2)(b) above shall be divided by the taxable valuation per
 18 trustee position calculated in subsection (2)(a) above. The
 19 resulting quotient shall be rounded off to the nearest whole
 20 number, except that when the quotient is less than 0.5, at
 21 least one trustee position must be established for the
 22 territory without representation on the high school district
 23 trustees under the provision of 20-3-351(1)(a).

24 (3) The number determined in subsection (2)(c) above
 25 shall be the number of additional trustee positions, except

1 that the number of additional trustee positions shall not
2 exceed four in a first- or second-class high school district
3 or two in a third-class high school district except when
4 two-thirds or more of the high school enrollment of the high
5 school district and two-thirds or more of the taxable
6 valuation of the high school district are located outside of
7 the elementary district which has its trustees placed on the
8 high school district trustees. When this situation exists,
9 three additional trustees shall be elected from the
10 elementary school districts where the high school is not
11 located and one additional trustee shall be elected at large
12 in the high school district."

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