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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Under current law if ward boundaries change after redistricting so that a city council member no longer lives in the ward, he or she continues serving a term that started before redistricting occurred. The bill would require council members in cities of the first class: (1) with four year terms, (2) who are elected by ward, (3) who do not have staggered terms, (4) who are in a ward with specified population shifts, and (5) where no municipal election will be held in the year ending in "2" or "3" to run for a new term after redistricting.

#### Section

- 1**      **General provisions.** Provides that in a city of the first class whose council members are elected by ward to non-staggered four year terms, all council members must be elected to new terms at the first municipal general election after ward boundaries are redrawn, if the population in any ward has changed by five percent or more. Also requires that in this situation, if no municipal election would otherwise occur in the year ending in "2" or "3" an election must be held in one of those years.
- 2**      **Effective date.** Day after final enactment.