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### Section

**1 Election to convert to at-large districts.** Provides a process for converting a school district's board from election by district to election at-large. Provides the process is not applicable when a district is entering a consolidation or cooperation and combination agreement with another district.

Allows a special election to dissolve existing election districts and have at-large elections. The trigger would be the school board acting on its own motion or on petition by either 50 voters or a number equal to ten percent of the vote cast the most recent school general election, whichever is larger. Requires a resolution to specify the first year in which at-large elections would be held.

The election to dissolve election districts must be held at least 98 days before the first school primary (or the first school election, if there would be no primary) at which candidates would run at-large.

Provides for the ballot question: "Shall the board members of Independent School District No . . . Be elected at-large in 2. . . and thereafter?"

Makes the section effective immediately.