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Existing law provides a process for a school district to dissolve its election districts and move to at-large elections for school board members. This process is currently allowed only if the district has entered into a consolidation or cooperation and combination agreement.

A school district “consolidation” agreement is an agreement between two districts to merge and form a single district entity. A “cooperation and combination” agreement is an agreement between districts to share certain services and programs, but to maintain the districts as distinct and separate entities.

The bill eliminates the condition in law that limits dissolution of election districts only to those school districts where a consolidation or cooperation and combination agreement has been entered. This means that any school district would be permitted to dissolve election districts and move to at-large elections following the process provided for in current law.

A process is already provided for in current law for a district to move from at-large elections to elections by district.