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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 341

Introduced by Senator Wilk
(Coauthor: Senator Vidak)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Acosta, Voepel, and Travis Allen)

February 14, 2017

An act to amend Section 15282 of the Education Code, relating to school bonds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 341, Wilk. School bonds: citizens' oversight committee: member terms.

Existing law authorizes the adoption of a proposition for indebtedness in the form of general obligation bonds incurred by specified educational entities for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities upon the approval of 55% of the voters, if the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. Existing law requires, if a bond measure of that kind is approved, the governing board of the school district or community college district to establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee for the purpose of informing the public on the expenditure of the bond revenues. Existing law requires that the citizens' oversight committee consist of at least 7 members, and requires a member to serve for a minimum term of 2 years and for no more than 3 consecutive terms.

This bill would instead require a member of the citizens' oversight committee to serve on the committee for no less than one 2-year term and for no more than 6 consecutive 2-year terms.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15282 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15282. (a) The citizens' oversight committee shall consist of at least seven members who shall serve on the committee without compensation for no less than one two-year term and for no more than six consecutive two-year terms. While consisting of a minimum of seven members, the citizens' oversight committee shall be comprised, as follows:

(1) One member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district or community college district.

(2) One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization.

(3) One member shall be active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.

(4) For a school district, one member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district. For a community college district, one member shall be a student who is both currently enrolled in the community college district and active in a community college group, such as student government. The community college student member may, at the discretion of the governing board of the community college district, serve up to six months after his or her graduation.

(5) For a school district, one member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent Teacher Association or schoolsite council. For a community college district, one member shall be active in the support and organization of a community college or the community colleges of the district, such as a member of an advisory council or foundation.

(b) An employee or official of the school district or community college district shall not be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee. A vendor, contractor, or consultant of the school district or community college district shall not be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee. Members of the citizens' oversight committee shall, pursuant to Sections 35233 and 72533, abide by the prohibitions contained in Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) and Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code.