

Fiscal Analysis

REFORM BOARD BALLOT ELECTION



Bill/Sponsor **SENATE BILL 157 As Passed the Senate, Sen. Martha G. Scott**

House Committee Commerce

Analysis

Summary

Currently, Detroit Public Schools is governed by a reform board appointed by the city's mayor. Current law states that in November 2004, voters in the district shall be allowed to decide a ballot issue on whether to retain the appointed board or return to an elected board. SB 157 would amend the Revised School Code to require that this question be placed on the ballot at the August 2003 primary election in the City of Detroit rather than the November 2004 general election.

Fiscal Impact

Under section 20(20) of the School Aid Act, the Detroit school district receives additional foundation allowance monies in the amount of \$15 million. However, the \$15 million is contingent upon the district having the reform board in place. If the ballot election date is moved forward, this could advance from FY 2004-05 to FY 2002-03 the time for which there is a possibility of the reform board being eliminated, resulting in a \$15 million savings to the state and a \$15 million loss the Detroit school district.

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