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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 121 (as introduced 2-10-21)  
Sponsor: Senator Ed McBroom  
Committee: Education and Career Readiness

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to do the following:**

- **Divide the State into eight regions for the selection of members of the State Board of Education.**
- **Designate a schedule for selecting members from specified regions beginning in 2022.**

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

The Law allows each political party to nominate two candidates for membership on the State Board of Education every two years at its fall State convention. Under the bill, beginning on the bill's effective date, the State would be divided into eight regions for each political party to select members of the State Board of Education. The regions would be constituted as follows:

- Region 1: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft Counties.
- Region 2: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, and Wexford Counties.
- Region 3: Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, and Ottawa Counties.
- Region 4: Bay, Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Tuscola Counties
- Region 5: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties
- Region 6: Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw Counties.
- Region 7: Macomb and Oakland Counties.
- Region 8: Wayne County.

Beginning on the bill's effective date, each political party would have to nominate candidates for membership on the State Board of Education who were residents of the regions designated below at its fall State convention in the years designated below, or any member elected to and serving a term of office on the Board on the bill's effective date:

- 2022 and every eight years thereafter, a member from Regions 4 and 8 each.

- 2024 and every eight years thereafter, a member from Regions 6 and 7 each.
- 2026 and every eight years thereafter, a member from Regions 1 and 2 each.
- 2028 and every eight years thereafter, a member from Regions 3 and 5 each.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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