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C.S.S.B. 1148
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Committee Report (Substituted)

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 1148 will restrict the service of persons on the State Executive Committee (executive committee) of the University Interscholastic League (UIL) to no more than two consecutive terms.

Beginning with the advent of the 1989–1990 school year, the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency (commissioner) has appointed the members to the executive committee.

Since that time, some members of the executive committee have been nominated to, and served, more than two consecutive terms because no administrative rule or statute prohibits the commissioner from reappointing the same individuals to over and over. The executive committee is required to be composed of eight current or former Texas public school administrators, with at least one from each UIL conference, and four at-large members.

Public school educators, administrators, UIL sponsors, and athletic coaches have raised significant concerns about some members of the executive committee serving lengthy, uninterrupted terms, and continue to raise questions surrounding the fundamental fairness of a model that allows executive committee members to serve unlimited terms.

It is believed that restricting the number of terms served to no more than two consecutive terms will result in more balanced makeup of the executive committee.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

The committee substitute changed the terms to three-year terms (to support the significant learning curve for new members and the need to build relationships with key stakeholders across the state). It keeps the limit of two consecutive terms and requires staggered terms (so that there is never all new members at one time).

Working with the lieutenant governor's education staffer, his office has asked for the change below to the last committee substitute drafted for S.B. 1148. The number is 88R28515 CXP-F. Replace the latest (e) with the language for (e) below.

(e) Members of the state executive committee of the University Interscholastic League are appointed for staggered three-year terms, with as near as possible to one-third of the members' terms expiring June 30 of each year. This will allow minimal disruption between school years i.e., the summer.

C.S.S.B. 1148 amends current law relating to terms for members of the state executive committee of the University Interscholastic League.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the commissioner of education in SECTION 2 of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.083, Education Code, by adding Subsections (e) and (f), as follows:

(e) Provides that members of the state executive committee of the University Interscholastic League (executive committee) are appointed for staggered three-year terms, with as near as possible to one-third of the members' terms expiring June 30 of each year.

(f) Prohibits a person from serving more than two terms on the executive committee.

SECTION 2. Requires the commissioner of education, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to adopt any rules necessary to implement the requirement of staggered three-year terms imposed under Section 38.083(e), Education Code, as added by this Act, for members of the executive committee.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2023.