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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to filing deadlines for school district petitions
2 to join an area education agency or for release from a
3 contract with an area education agency following approval of a
4 reorganization or dissolution proposal and including effective
5 date and retroactive applicability provisions.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 273.22, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. Not later than fifteen days after the state board
4 notifies an area education agency of its approval of the area
5 education agency's reorganization plan or dissolution
6 proposal, the area education agency shall notify the school
7 districts located within the area education agency boundaries,
8 the school districts and area education agencies that are
9 contiguous to its boundaries, and any other school district
10 under contract with the area education agency, of the state
11 board's approval of the plan or proposal. A petition to join
12 an area education agency or for release from a contract with
13 an area education agency, in accordance with subsections 4
14 through 6, shall be filed ~~not later than~~ by April 1 or within
15 sixty days after the following state board approves approval
16 of a reorganization plan in accordance with section 273.21,
17 subsection 4, or a dissolution proposal in accordance with
18 this-chapter section 273.27, subsection 3, whichever is later.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS. This
20 Act takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively
21 applicable to July 1, 2002, and is applicable on and after
22 that date.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill permits a school district to file a petition to
25 join an area education agency or for release from a contract
26 with an area education agency by April 1 or within 60 days
27 following state board of education approval of a
28 reorganization or dissolution proposal, whichever is later.
29 Currently, a school district has 60 days to file a petition.
30 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively
31 to July 1, 2002.

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