

**House File 2184 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the composition of the boards of directors  
2 of school districts by including certain specified nonvoting  
3 members.

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

1 Section 1. Section 274.7, Code 2022, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **274.7 Directors.**

4 The affairs of each school corporation shall be conducted by  
5 a board of directors, the members of which in all community or  
6 independent school districts shall be chosen for a term of four  
7 years, except for the nonvoting members appointed pursuant to  
8 section 279.4A, subsection 1, who shall serve for a term of one  
9 year.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **279.4A Nonvoting members.**

11 1. The board of directors of a school district shall appoint  
12 all of the following nonvoting members to serve on the board of  
13 directors for a term of one year:

14 a. A student who is enrolled in the school district.

15 b. The parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in  
16 the school district.

17 c. A teacher who is employed by the board of directors of  
18 the school district.

19 2. The board of directors of a school district shall  
20 develop an application process for the appointment of nonvoting  
21 members. The application process shall require the consent  
22 of the nonvoting student member's parent or guardian if the  
23 student is a minor.

24 3. A vacancy in the membership of a nonvoting member shall  
25 not be filled until the expiration of the nonvoting member's  
26 term.

27 4. The nonvoting student member shall have been enrolled in  
28 the school district for at least one year prior to the student  
29 member's appointment.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to the composition of the boards of  
34 directors of school districts by including certain specified  
35 nonvoting members.

1 The bill requires the board of directors of a school district  
2 to appoint a student, the parent or guardian of a student, and  
3 a teacher employed by the school district to serve as nonvoting  
4 members on the school board for a term of one year.

5 The bill requires the board of directors of a school district  
6 to develop an application process for the appointment of  
7 nonvoting members. The process must require the consent of the  
8 nonvoting student member's parent or guardian if the student  
9 is a minor.

10 The bill provides that a vacancy in the membership of a  
11 nonvoting member shall not be filled until the expiration of  
12 the nonvoting member's term.

13 The bill requires the nonvoting student member to have been  
14 enrolled in the school district for at least one year prior to  
15 the student member's appointment.

16 The bill makes conforming changes to Code section 274.7 (the  
17 board of directors of school districts).