

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 2939**

03/20/2012 Authored by Downey  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance  
03/28/2012 Adoption of Report: Pass as Amended and Read Second Time  
03/29/2012 Calendar for the Day  
Read Third Time  
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying certain petition requirements for  
1.3 proposals for detachment and annexation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010,  
1.4 section 123A.45, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Sec. 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 123A.45, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Petition.** The petition must contain:

1.8 (a) A correct description of the area proposed for detachment and annexation,  
1.9 including supporting data regarding location and title to land to establish that the land is  
1.10 adjoining a district.

1.11 (b) The reasons for the proposed change with facts showing that the granting of the  
1.12 petition will not reduce the size of any district to less than four sections, unless the district  
1.13 is not operating a school within the district.

1.14 (c) Consent to the petition, if, at the time of the filing of the petition, any part of  
1.15 the area proposed for detachment is part of a district which maintains and operates a  
1.16 secondary school within the district. Before the hearing, the consent of the board of the  
1.17 district in which the area proposed for detachment lies must be endorsed on the petition.

1.18 Consent of the board of the district where the area proposed for detachment lies is not  
1.19 required if the area proposed for detachment at the time the petition is filed:

1.20 (1) lies in the seven-county metropolitan area;

1.21 (2) is located in a city;

1.22 (3) is not served by a resident school district school building located within that  
1.23 city; and

1.24 (4) is located in a city where the district proposed for annexation operates a school.

- 2.1 (d) An identification of the district to which annexation is sought.
- 2.2 (e) Other information the petitioners may desire to affix.
- 2.3 (f) An acknowledgment by the petitioner.
- 2.4 (g) A description of whether bonded indebtedness will be allocated according to
- 2.5 subdivision 6, paragraph (b) or (c).