



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3311.059 Severance from one educational service center and annexation to adjacent service center.

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The procedure prescribed in this section may be used in lieu of a transfer prescribed under section 3311.231 of the Revised Code.

(A) Subject to divisions (B) and (C) of this section, a board of education of a local school district that severed and annexed its territory under section 3311.059 of the Revised Code as it existed prior to June 30, 2011, may by a resolution approved by a majority of all its members propose to sever that local school district from the territory of the educational service center in which the local school district is currently included and to instead annex the local school district to the territory of another educational service center, the current territory of which is adjacent to the territory of the educational service center in which the local school district is currently included. The resolution shall promptly be filed with the governing board of each educational service center affected by the resolution and with the superintendent of public instruction.

(B) The resolution adopted under division (A) of this section shall not be effective unless it is approved by the state board of education. In deciding whether to approve the resolution, the state board shall consider the impact of an annexation on both the school district and the educational service center to which the district is proposed to be annexed, including the ability of that service center to deliver services in a cost-effective and efficient manner. The severance of the local school district from one educational service center and its annexation to another educational service center under this section shall not be effective until one year after the first day of July following the later of the date that the state board of education approves the resolution or the date the board of elections certifies the results of the referendum election as provided in division (C) of this section.

(C) Within sixty days following the date of the adoption of the resolution under division (A) of this section, the electors of the local school district may petition for a referendum vote on the resolution. The question whether to approve or disapprove the resolution shall be submitted to the electors of such school district if a number of qualified electors equal to twenty per cent of the number of



electors in the school district who voted for the office of governor at the most recent general election for that office sign a petition asking that the question of whether the resolution shall be disapproved be submitted to the electors. The petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in which the school district is located. If the school district is located in more than one county, the petition shall be filed with the board of elections of the county in which the majority of the territory of the school district is located. The board shall certify the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition.

The board of elections shall immediately notify the board of education of the local school district and the governing board of each educational service center affected by the resolution that the petition has been filed.

The effect of the resolution shall be stayed until the board of elections certifies the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. If the board of elections determines that the petition does not contain a sufficient number of valid signatures and sixty days have passed since the adoption of the resolution, the resolution shall become effective as provided in division (B) of this section.

If the board of elections certifies that the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures, the board shall submit the question to the qualified electors of the school district on the day of the next general or primary election held at least ninety days after the board of elections certifies the validity and sufficiency of signatures on the petition. The election shall be conducted and canvassed and the results shall be certified in the same manner as in regular elections for the election of members of a board of education.

If a majority of the electors voting on the question disapprove the resolution, the resolution shall not become effective. If a majority of the electors voting on the question approve the resolution, the resolution shall become effective as provided in division (B) of this section.

(D) Upon the effective date of the severance of the local school district from one educational service center and its annexation to another educational service center as provided in division (B) of this section, the governing board of each educational service center shall take such steps for the election of members of the governing board and for organization of the governing board as prescribed in



Chapter 3313. of the Revised Code.

(E) If a school district is severed from one educational service center and annexed to another service center under this section, the board of education of that school district shall not propose a subsequent severance and annexation action under this section that would be effective sooner than four years after the effective date of the next previous severance and annexation action under this section.