

House Education Committee
Rep. Heinert, Chair
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SB 2223

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Mark Vollmer. I proudly serve as Superintendent of Minot Public School District #1 and Minot Air Force Base #160. I stand in front of you today to offer our support for SB 2223, a bill relating to the residency requirements for military installation school board members

SB 2223 is a good bill. The bill allows flexibility in appointing school board members and supports stability among the board.

The current policy for appointment of board members is good, and in general, the process works well. We enjoy building stronger relationships with our military families and are happy when our board is complete, with five active members.

Our primary concern centers on periods of time when we either cannot fill open positions, or times when we operate with less than a full board.

It is rare when a school board member can complete a full term. SB 2223 allows a district to also consider retired military members, most of which have retired from the military, have a strong connection with our local military base, and have chosen to stay in our great state.

Allowing retired military personnel to serve on the board will bring stability to the board. Therefore, I offer my support of SB 2223 and will stand for any questions you may have.

