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This measure revises the provisions governing the review of decisions of boards of trustees to close or change use of a particular school. Under current law, if a board decides to close or change the use of a particular building, any aggrieved resident of the district may make a written request for a hearing for reconsideration of the decision. If any resident is aggrieved following the hearing for reconsideration, he or she may request the State Board of Education to review the decision. The State Board's decision is final and is subject to judicial review.

This measure proposes to change the procedure. An aggrieved resident must submit a petition with a number of signatures equal to 10 percent of the number of voters in the last general election in the county. Upon verification that the number of signatures is adequate, the board of trustees shall hold a hearing. Its decision is final and subject to judicial review.

Proponents: This proposal will eliminate the State Board of Education, leaving the decision to those involved in the issue. A petition with the designated number of signatures ensures that there is true interest in the community in maintaining a building.

Opponents: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Proposed Amendments: None