

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

February 24, 2003 LB 394

CLERK: LB 394, by Senator McDonald. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending. (AM0207, Legislative Journal page 465.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 394.

SENATOR McDONALD: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'll give Senator Redfield a break this morning, so. Give me a chance to start my bill. And I'll be brief. LB 394 adds an organizational option for Class VI school districts. Class VI school districts could offer grade 6 through 12 if their patrons approve. LB 394 changes the petition signature requirement for the formation of a new Class VI district from 65 percent of the legal voters to 55 percent of the legal voters. It requires a minimum enrollment of 200 students if the Class VI district includes grade six. The bill allows an already existing Class VI district offering high school only, or a high school plus grades seven and eight, to extend the grade offerings of that district to include grade six. LB 394 simply adds an organizational option for Class VI districts, school districts, so they can best serve their students. And I think there's an amendment to follow this.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you through, Senator McDonald? There are committee amendments by the Education Committee. Senator Raikes...who's been authorized? Senator Maxwell, I'm sorry. You've been authorized to handle those committee amendments? You are recognized to do so.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. AM0207 makes some technical changes to harmonize LB 394 with existing provisions of law. Section 1 deals with division of assets and liabilities when a K-12 becomes a Class I in a Class VI system. Section 2 involves a census reporting requirement that applies to high schools. This...the change that's on your machines would make sure that this is also applied to grade schools. And then Section 3 deals with...these are the in lieu transactions, in lieu of taxes, between a Class VI and a Class I system. Again, the percentage that you see in there would make sure that