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## MEMORANDUM

July 13, 2015

**TO:** School Board Members  
District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Carol Cook, Chair, FSBA Legislative Committee  
Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair, FSBA Legislative Committee  
Andrea Messina, Executive Director  
Ruth Melton, Director of Government Relations

**SUBJECT:** FSBA Bylaws Revision Regarding District Selection of a School Board Member to Serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee

In order to encourage equal representation of all school boards in our legislative efforts, the FSBA Bylaws call for each school board to annually designate a school board member, and an alternate, to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. These Legislative Committee Representatives serve as the key architects of the FSBA Legislative Platform and as essential advocates in our local, state, and federal lobbying efforts.

During the Annual Summer Conference in June, the FSBA membership approved a revision to Article XI, Section 1 of the [FSBA Bylaws](#) that changed the time frame for the designation of FSBA Legislative Committee representative so that it would align with the time frame for school board members to sign up to serve on other FSBA Committees and Subcommittees. Prior to this Bylaws revision, school boards were asked to make this selection during the annual Organization Meeting that is typically held in November. Under this former Bylaws provision, the term of service for the district Legislative Committee representative and alternate would span from November 2014 through November 2015. **However, as amended, the FSBA Bylaws now require each district school board to designate a Legislative Committee representative and alternate annually in June.** As a result, the term of service for the district Legislative Committee representative and alternate would span from June 2015 to June 2016.

As we transition to this new time frame to implement this Bylaws revision, we ask each school board to pursue one of these two options:

### **Option 1**

Retain your district's current FSBA Legislative Committee representative and alternate through June 2016. For districts that select this option, no further action is necessary. FSBA will automatically extend the term of service of the current district representative and alternate.

### **Option 2**

Designate a new FSBA Legislative Committee representative and alternate to serve from the date of the designation through June 2016. Districts that select this option must complete a Legislative Committee Representative Reporting Form and return it to the FSBA office by **September 1, 2015.** For your convenience, the Reporting Form is available on the FSBA website in [Online](#), [Word](#), and [PDF](#) formats.

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Please note that this special selection process applies **ONLY** to your district representative and alternate on the main FSBA Legislative Committee. **All** school board members are welcome to sign up to serve on any other FSBA Committee or Subcommittee by using the FSBA Committee Assignment Request form available at <http://fsba.org/fsba-committee-assignment-requests/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Melton at [melton@fsba.org](mailto:melton@fsba.org) or 850/414-2578.

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