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## **Sponsor Statement**

### **SB 143 Version I**

Currently Boroughs and Municipalities are allowed to set lengths for Assembly and Mayoral terms but are not granted the same ability to decide the term lengths for School Board seats.

SB 143 would grant Municipalities and Boroughs those abilities. The Mat-Su Borough for example have moved their Assembly seats to 4-year terms, which will see a cost savings to the Borough, since they no longer must host elections in the off years.

However, this legislation would not mandate that terms are changed, but instead make this an option, should local governments want to change the terms of their school board seats, as they are already allowed to do for Assembly and Mayoral seats.

SB 143 would also allow cities with a population under 1,000 people to have 3 or more members on their city council, reducing it from the current requirement of 7.

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