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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: CHANGES TO LOCAL DISTRICT COLLEGE STATUTES

Summary of Legislation

This bill makes several changes to the Junior College Organization Act. The bill:

- changes all statutory references to "local junior college" or "junior college" to "local district college";
- specifies the procedures by which a local district college board of trustees may take action without holding a regular or special meeting;
- allows a district college board to be either five, seven, nine, or eleven members and permits a board to subsequently increase the number of members; and
- allows a school district or group of school districts that are located entirely within the boundaries of a local district college's service area to petition for annexation into the local college district, where under current law only districts adjacent to the district may petition.

Background

Junior college means an educational institution that provides no more than two years of postsecondary training in the arts, sciences, and humanities, conducts occupational, technical, and community service programs, provides general education suitable for college transfer programs, and has no restrictions on admission. Generally, junior college districts do not receive direct funding from the state with the exception of Aims Community College, Colorado Mountain College, and area vocational schools. Junior college districts receive revenue from property taxes.

School District / Local District College Impact

The bill increases workload for school districts choosing to annex to a local college district and increases both workload and costs for any existing district college to update signs, official documents, and branding to remove references to junior colleges.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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