

Home-Rule School Districts: Questions and Answers (and Unanswered Questions)

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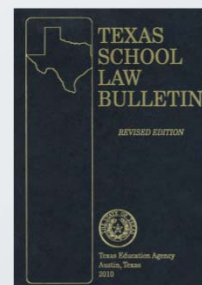
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Classes of Charter – Chapter 12 of the TEC

- A home-rule school district charter (Subchapter B)
- A campus or campus program charter (Subchapter C)
- An open enrollment charter (Subchapter D)

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Purposes of Chapter 12

- Improve student learning;
- Increase the choice of learning opportunities within the public school system;
- Create professionalism opportunities that will attract new teachers to the public school system;
- Establish a new form of accountability for public schools; and
- Encourage different and innovative learning methods.

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What is a Home-Rule School District?

- A school district that operates under a “charter” approved by the voters of the district.
- A home-rule district has the same powers and entitlements granted to school districts, unless otherwise abridged by the charter
- Adoption of a home-rule school district charter does not effect the district’s **boundaries** or the **taxes or bonds** authorized prior to the effective date of the charter.



How Does a School District Become a Home-Rule District?

When a majority of the voters, in an election that has at least 25 percent voter turnout, approves a proposed charter that was developed by a charter commission appointed by the school district's board of trustees



Who's in Control: The School Board or the Charter Commission?



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