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(Wyo.)- State Education Board Opposes Electing Members



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The Wyoming State Board of Education has voted to oppose the idea of having some of its members elected.

Currently, 12 of the 13 board members are appointed by the governor with approval from the state Senate. The board establishes broad public education policies, prescribes minimum standards for education programs and accredits public schools.

A proposed bill in the Legislature would have six board members elected and five appointed.

On Monday, the board voiced disapproval of the proposed legislation. Some said the board should be insulated from politics.

Board Chairman Ron Micheli (MEYE'-kuhl-eye) also says he fears electing members will result in full-time board members and he believes elected boards in other states don't work well.