§ 2017. Division of union free school district into election districts. 1. In any union free school district having personal registration of voters pursuant to section two thousand fourteen of this chapter, the board of education may upon its own motion divide the school district into election districts, and shall upon the petition of twenty-five qualified voters of the district, or five percent of the voters who voted in the previous annual election of the members of the board of education, whichever is greater, cause to be submitted at an annual or special meeting, a proposition to divide such school district into election districts provided, however, that in each election district the number of qualified voters shall at least equal three hundred.

2. If it is determined to divide the district into election districts, the board of education shall immediately thereafter and not less than thirty days prior to an annual or special meeting or election, within such district, adopt a resolution dividing the school district into such number of election districts as the board of education may determine. The school district shall be so divided that if circumstances will permit, there shall be a schoolhouse in each election district or in as many of such election districts as possible. The election districts so formed shall continue in existence until modified by resolution of the board of education. Such resolution shall accurately describe the boundaries of each such district by streets, alleys and highways, or otherwise. School meetings and elections shall thereafter be held so far as may be possible in the public schoolhouses within any such school election district. The board of education shall designate the place within each election district where the meeting or election shall be held.