

**CHAPTER 192****( HB 277 )**

AN ACT relating to local boards of education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. KRS 160.180 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, **and** daughter~~;~~  
~~aunt, uncle, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law~~.
- (2) No person shall be eligible to membership on a board of education:
  - (a) Unless he has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years; and
  - (b) Unless he has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years preceding his election and is a voter of the district for which he is elected; and
  - (c) Unless he has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a GED certificate or has received a high school diploma through participation in the external diploma program and he is elected after July 13, 1990; and
  - (d) An affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the twelfth grade or the equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth grade equivalency examination held under regulations adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education has been filed with the nominating petition required by KRS 118.315; or
  - (e) Who holds a state office requiring the constitutional oath or is a member of the General Assembly; or
  - (f) Who holds or discharges the duties of any civil or political office, deputyship, or agency under the city or county of his residence; or
  - (g) Who, at the time of his election, is directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the board of books, stationery, or any other property, materials, supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are expended; or
  - (h) Who has been removed from membership on a board of education for cause; or
  - (i) Who has a relative as defined in subsection (1) of this section employed by the school district and is elected after July 13, 1990. However, this shall not apply to a board member holding office on July 13, 1990, whose relative was not initially hired by the district during the tenure of the board member.
- (3) If, after the election of any member of the board, he becomes interested in any contract with or claims against the board, of the kind mentioned in paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of this section, or if he moves his residence from the district for which he was chosen, or if he attempts to influence the hiring of any school employee, except the superintendent of schools or school board attorney, or if he does anything that would render him ineligible for reelection, he shall be subject to removal from office pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060.
- (4) A board member shall be eligible for reelection unless he becomes disqualified.
- (5) The annual in-service training requirements for all school board members in office as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:
  - (a) Twelve (12) hours for school board members with zero to three (3) years of experience;
  - (b) Eight (8) hours for school board members with four (4) to seven (7) years of experience; and
  - (c) Four (4) hours for school board members with eight (8) or more years of experience.

The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify the criteria for fulfilling this requirement.
- (6) (a) For all board members who begin their initial service on or after January 1, 2015, the annual in-service training requirements shall be twelve (12) hours for school board members with zero to eight (8) years of experience and eight (8) hours for school board members with more than eight (8) years of experience.

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- (b) Training topics for school board members shall include:
1. Three (3) hours of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of superintendent evaluation annually for members with zero to three (3) years' experience;
  2. Two (2) hours of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of superintendent evaluation annually for members with four (4) to seven (7) years' experience; and
  3. One (1) hour of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of superintendent evaluation biennially for members with eight (8) or more years' experience.

The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify criteria for fulfilling this requirement.

**Signed by Governor April 11, 2017.**