

160.180 Eligibility for membership on local board of education -- Removal from office -- Reelection -- Annual in-service training requirements.

- (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, and daughter.
- (2) A person shall only be eligible for membership on a board of education if the person:
 - (a) Has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years;
 - (b) Has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years preceding the election and is a voter of the district for which he or she is elected;
 - (c) Has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a High School Equivalency Diploma, as evidenced by:
 1. An affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of the twelfth grade or the equivalent that has been filed with the nominating petition required by KRS 118.315; or
 2. A transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or the results of a twelfth grade equivalency examination that has been filed with the nominating petition required by KRS 118.315;
 - (d) Does not hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office;
 - (e) Is not, at the time of his or her election, 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;
 - (f) Has not been removed from membership on a board of education for cause;
 - (g) Does not have a relative employed by the school district, in the case of a person elected after July 13, 1990. 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; and
 - (h) For boards of education of large school districts, is not an employee of a board of education in the Commonwealth whose position requires work on more than one hundred (100) days per year.
- (3) (a) A member of a board of education shall be subject to removal from office pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060 if, after the election the member:
 1. Becomes interested in any contract with or claims against the board, of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(e) of this section;
 2. Moves his or her residence from the division for which he or she was chosen;
 3. Attempts to influence the employment of any school employee, except the superintendent or school board attorney;
 4. Is convicted of a felony;
 5. Performs acts of malfeasance in performance of duties prescribed by law;
 6. Willfully misuses, converts, or misappropriates public property or funds; or

7. Does anything that would render the member ineligible for reelection.
- (b) In accordance with KRS 7.410, the Office of Education Accountability shall have the duty and responsibility to investigate current local board of education members for allegations of conduct prohibited by paragraph (a) of this subsection. After review and investigation, the Office of Education Accountability shall refer appropriate matters to the Attorney General.
- (4) A member of a board of education shall be eligible for reelection unless he or she becomes disqualified.
- (5) (a) The annual in-service training requirements for all members of boards of education in office as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:
 1. Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to three (3) years of experience;
 2. Eight (8) hours for members with four (4) to seven (7) years of experience; and
 3. Four (4) hours for members with eight (8) or more years of experience.(b) The in-service training requirements of this subsection shall include a minimum of:
 1. One (1) hour of ethics training every year;
 2. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training every four (4) years; and
 3. Two (2) hours of finance training every two (2) years.
- (6) For all members of boards of education who begin their initial service on or after January 1, 2015, the in-service training requirements shall be:
 - (a) Twelve (12) hours for members with zero to eight (8) years of experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:
 1. One (1) hour of ethics training each year;
 2. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training within the first twelve (12) months of initial service and at least once every four (4) years thereafter;
 3. Three (3) hours of finance training within the first two (2) years of initial service, and two (2) hours of finance training at least once every two (2) years thereafter; and
 4. One (1) hour of superintendent evaluation within the first two (2) years of service; and
 - (b) Eight (8) hours for members with more than eight (8) years of experience each year, which shall include a minimum of:
 1. One (1) hour of ethics training each year;
 2. One (1) hour of open meetings and open records training at least once every four (4) years; and
 3. Two (2) hours of finance training at least once every two (2) years.
- (7) The Kentucky Board of Education shall identify the criteria for fulfilling the requirements of subsections (5) and (6) of this section.

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History: Amended 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 154, sec. 7, effective April 14, 2026; and ch. 196, sec. 17, effective July 15, 2026. -- Amended 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 215, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2024. -- Amended 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 105, sec. 3, effective April 4, 2018. -- Amended 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 63, sec. 17, effective June 29, 2017; and ch. 192, sec. 1, effective June 29, 2017. -- Amended 2014 Ky. Acts ch. 136, sec. 1, effective July 15, 2014. -- Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 416, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1998. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 145, sec. 5, effective July 15, 1996; and ch. 362, sec. 6, effective July 15, 1996. -- Amended 1990 Ky. Acts ch. 214, sec. 1, effective July 13, 1990; and ch. 476, Pt. II, sec. 71, effective July 13, 1990. -- Amended 1986 Ky. Acts ch. 417, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1986. -- Amended 1984 Ky. Acts ch. 376, sec. 1, effective July 13, 1984. -- Amended 1980 Ky. Acts ch. 43, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1980. -- Amended 1978 Ky. Acts ch. 155, sec. 82, effective June 17, 1978; and ch. 272, sec. 1, effective June 17, 1978. -- Recodified 1942 Ky. Acts ch. 208, sec. 1, effective October 1, 1942, from Ky. Stat. sec. 4399-22.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/15/2026). This statute was amended by 2026 Ky. Acts chs. 154 and 196, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.

Legislative Research Commission Note (4/4/2018). The amendments made to this statute in 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 105, sec. 3 are effective April 4, 2018. SB 101 (Ch. 105) was delivered to the Governor on March 22, 2018. The 10-day, not counting Sundays, veto period began on the next day, March 23, and ended at midnight on April 3, 2018. The Governor returned that bill to the Secretary of State on April 2 without signing it. Therefore, since the Governor could have retrieved it and signed it or vetoed it prior to the end of April 3, the bill would not take effect until the first moment of April 4, 2018 following the expiration of the 10-day veto period.

Legislative Research Commission Note (7/13/90). This section was amended by two 1990 Acts. Where those Acts are not in conflict, they have been compiled together. Where a conflict exists, the Act which was last enacted by the General Assembly prevails.