

1 AN ACT relating to local boards of education.

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

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

- 4 (1) As used in this section, "relative" means father, mother, brother, sister, husband,
5 wife, son, and daughter.
- 6 (2) No person shall be eligible for membership on a board of education:
- 7 (a) Unless he ***or she*** has attained the age of twenty-four (24) years; and
- 8 (b) Unless he ***or she*** has been a citizen of Kentucky for at least three (3) years
9 preceding his ***or her*** election and is a voter of the district for which he ***or she***
10 is elected; and
- 11 (c) Unless he ***or she*** has completed at least the twelfth grade or has been issued a
12 High School Equivalency Diploma; and
- 13 (d) Unless an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury certifying completion of
14 the twelfth grade or the equivalent as determined by passage of the twelfth
15 grade equivalency examination held under regulations adopted by the
16 Kentucky Board of Education has been filed with the nominating petition
17 required by KRS 118.315; and
- 18 (e) For a candidate who files a nominating petition as required by KRS 118.315
19 on or after ***January 1, 2025***~~[April 4, 2018]~~, unless a ***high school or***
20 ***postsecondary*** transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or results
21 of a twelfth grade equivalency examination has been filed with the
22 nominating petition, ***If no transcript is available, the candidate may submit a***
23 ***sworn affidavit that the candidate has completed the twelfth grade or the***
24 ***international equivalent***; or
- 25 (f) Who holds any elective federal, state, county, or city office; or
- 26 (g) Who, at the time of his ***or her*** election, is directly or indirectly interested in
27 the sale to the board of books, stationery, or any other property, materials,

1 supplies, equipment, or services for which school funds are expended; or

2 (h) Who has been removed from membership on a board of education for cause;
3 or

4 (i) Who has a relative as defined in subsection (1) of this section employed by
5 the school district and is elected after July 13, 1990. However, this shall not
6 apply to a board member holding office on July 13, 1990, whose relative was
7 not initially hired by the district during the tenure of the board member.

8 (3) If, after the election of any member of the board, he or she becomes interested in
9 any contract with or claims against the board, of the kind mentioned in paragraph
10 (g) of subsection (2) of this section, or if he or she moves his or her residence from
11 the district for which he or she was chosen, or if he or she attempts to influence the
12 hiring of any school employee, except the superintendent of schools or school board
13 attorney, or if he or she does anything that would render him or her ineligible for
14 reelection, he or she shall be subject to removal from office pursuant to KRS
15 415.050 and 415.060.

16 (4) A board member shall be eligible for reelection unless he or she becomes
17 disqualified.

18 (5) The annual in-service training requirements for all school board members in office
19 as of December 31, 2014, shall be as follows:

20 (a) Twelve (12) hours for school board members with zero to three (3) years of
21 experience;

22 (b) Eight (8) hours for school board members with four (4) to seven (7) years of
23 experience; and

24 (c) Four (4) hours for school board members with eight (8) or more years of
25 experience.

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

1 (6) ~~[(a)]~~ For all board members who begin their initial service on or after January 1,
2 2015, the annual in-service training requirements shall be:

3 (a) Twelve (12) hours for school board members with zero to eight (8) years of
4 experience, including a minimum of one (1) hour of ethics training; and

5 (b) Eight (8) hours for school board members with more than eight (8) years of
6 experience, including a minimum of one (1) hour of ethics training.

7 ~~[(b)]~~ Training topics for school board members shall include:

8 ~~1. Three (3) hours of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of~~
9 ~~superintendent evaluation annually for members with zero to three (3) years'~~
10 ~~experience;~~

11 ~~2. Two (2) hours of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of superintendent~~
12 ~~evaluation annually for members with four (4) to seven (7) years' experience; and~~

13 ~~3. One (1) hour of finance, one (1) hour of ethics, and one (1) hour of superintendent~~
14 ~~evaluation biennially for members with eight (8) or more years' experience.]~~

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16 requirement.