

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1290

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[schools - school board member nepotism prohibition

- exception - substitute teachers or support

employees - effective date -

emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 5-113, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-113. A. No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or serve on a board of education if ~~he or she~~ the person is currently employed by the school district governed by that board of education or is related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to any other member of the board of education or to any employee of the school district governed by the board of education, ~~it being the~~ The purpose of this section is both to prohibit persons who are related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity from serving simultaneously on the same board of education of any school district of this state and to prohibit persons who are related within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to an employee of a school district from serving on the board of education governing the school district while such relative is employed.

B. If the relationship is based on affinity, ~~these~~ the prohibitions in this section shall not apply to prevent members of boards of education who are serving on September 1, 1995, from serving the term for which they were elected or from serving successive terms for which they may be elected, unless it is the member's spouse who is a member of the board of education or an employee of the school district, then such prohibitions shall apply.

C. The prohibitions set forth in this section shall not apply if the person related to the board member within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity is employed as a substitute teacher by the school district pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-105 of this title or as a temporary substitute support employee and the school district has an Average Daily Membership (ADM) of less than five thousand (5,000).

D. Any member of a board of education who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Sections 485 and 486 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 5-113.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-113.1 A. Except as otherwise provided ~~herein~~ in this section, no person may be employed or put under contract by a school district if that person is related to a member of the board of education of that school district within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. A teacher or employee already under contract to or otherwise employed by the school district at the time the relationship is established may continue in said employment. Except as otherwise provided, a board member already serving at the time the relationship is established may serve out the term for which the member was elected but shall not be eligible to be a candidate for or serve successive terms of office for which the member may be elected. ~~This provision~~

B. The provisions of this section shall not prevent a board member from serving successive terms of office if otherwise eligible under the provision of Section 5-113 of this title. No member of the board of education who has resigned from the board before ~~his or her~~ the term of the person has expired may be reappointed to the board to complete the remainder of ~~his or her~~ the term if a teacher or employee related to the resigned member of the board within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity was put under contract or otherwise employed by the school district after the board member resigned.

C. The provisions of this section shall not prevent a person who is related to a member of the board of education within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity from being employed by the school district as a substitute teacher pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-105 of this title or as a temporary substitute support employee and the school district has an Average Daily Membership (ADM) of less than five thousand (5,000).

D. Any member of a board of education who is related to a teacher or other employee of the district within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity shall not attend or participate in any regular or executive session of the board held to consider any personnel matter or litigation relating to said teacher or employee; ~~provided however, the~~ The member may vote on collective bargaining agreements or the renewal of contracts as a group if the vote is necessary to form a quorum of the board of education members. If more than one member of the board of education is related to a teacher or employee, only the minimum number of those members which is necessary to form a quorum shall be allowed to vote. Each board of education so affected shall adopt a written policy establishing procedures on when such a member may vote on the renewal of contracts or collective bargaining agreements.

~~B.~~ E. Any member of a board of education who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Sections 485 and 486 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-153, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 147, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 24-153), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-153. A. In order to recognize and pay tribute to veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in World War II ~~or to serve,~~ in the Korean War, or in the Vietnam War, a board of education of any independent school district in this state is hereby authorized to grant a diploma of graduation to any veteran who meets the requirements as listed in subsection B of this section. School districts are further encouraged to present such diplomas in conjunction with appropriate Veterans Day programs.

B. To be eligible for a high school diploma pursuant to this section, a veteran shall:

1. Have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America;

2. Have served on active duty or have been discharged with a service-connected disability between the dates of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946, ~~or~~ between the dates of June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955, or between the dates of May 13, 1961, and April 29, 1975; and

3. Be a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

C. The State Board of Education shall consult with the Department of Veterans Affairs in adopting rules to implement the provisions of this ~~act~~ section.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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