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THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 1290

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1290 - By: EASLEY of the Senate and SHERRER of the House.

[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

1 serving on the board of education governing the school district
2 while such relative is employed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 ~~B.~~ E. Any member of a board of education who violates the
23 provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties

1 prescribed by Sections 485 and 486 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

4 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-27-06 - DO
9 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.