

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2234

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 5-110, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter  
9 354, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 5-110),  
10 which relates to educational requirements for school  
11 board members; removing requirements for certain  
12 members to complete educational requirements;  
13 amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110.1, as amended by  
14 Section 2, Chapter 192, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.  
15 2012, Section 5-110.1), which relates to continuing  
16 education requirements; removing requirements for  
17 certain members to complete continuing education  
18 requirements; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110, as  
21 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 354, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.  
22 2012, Section 5-110), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 5-110. A. Except as provided in subsection B of this  
24 section, at the time a school district elector files a notification  
and declaration of candidacy for the office of school district board  
of education membership or is appointed to be a member of a school  
district board of education, the elector shall agree and pledge in  
writing that, within fifteen (15) months of election or appointment

1 as a member of the district board of education, the member will  
2 complete at least twelve (12) hours of instruction on education  
3 issues, including school finance, Oklahoma education laws, and  
4 ethics, duties and responsibilities of district board of education  
5 members. This requirement may be satisfied by attending a two-day  
6 workshop to be held within the state by the State Department of  
7 Education, by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology  
8 Education, or by attending workshops, seminars or classes which  
9 address the above-mentioned subject matter, and which are sponsored  
10 by any organization approved by the State Board of Education,  
11 including but not limited to institutions of higher education. The  
12 State Board of Education shall promulgate rules by which an  
13 organization or particular courses offered by an organization may be  
14 approved for purposes of fulfilling the instructional requirements  
15 set out in this section.

16 B. When an incumbent of a district board of education files a  
17 notification and declaration of candidacy for reelection to the  
18 district board of education, the member shall not be required to  
19 comply with the provisions of subsection A of this section ~~but shall~~  
20 ~~be required to agree and pledge in writing that upon reelection the~~  
21 ~~member will complete six (6) hours of instruction, within fifteen~~  
22 ~~(15) months of election, emphasizing changes in school law,~~  
23 ~~particularly changes in the areas set forth in subsection A of this~~  
24 ~~section.~~

1 C. The State Department of Education shall, immediately after  
2 the annual elections of various district board of education members,  
3 determine the members of the district boards of education pledged to  
4 complete the instructional requirements established in ~~subsections~~  
5 subsection A ~~and B~~ of this section, and shall notify the members of  
6 the time and place where workshops, classes and seminars are to be  
7 conducted. Upon completion of the instructional requirements, the  
8 certificate of completion shall be included in the public records of  
9 the school board's minutes. Each school board member, ~~except for an~~  
10 ~~incumbent member,~~ shall be required within fifteen (15) months  
11 following or preceding election to complete the workshop established  
12 by subsection A of this section or to attend twelve (12) hours of  
13 other state workshops, classes or seminars conducted as instruction  
14 on the subjects of school finance, the Oklahoma School Code and  
15 related laws, and the ethics, duties and responsibilities of  
16 district board of education members.

17 D. If a school board member, ~~including an incumbent member,~~ has  
18 not satisfied the instructional requirements as set forth in this  
19 section within fifteen (15) months of election, ~~reelection~~ or  
20 appointment, the district board of education shall declare the seat  
21 of the member vacant and fill the vacancy according to law. A  
22 school board member who is required to vacate a school board seat  
23 pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to be reappointed or  
24 to run for reelection to that respective board seat on the school

1 district board of education or to run for election to any other  
2 board seat on the board of education for a three-year period for  
3 three-member boards, for a four-year period for seven-member boards  
4 or for a five-year period for five-member boards.

5 E. All government departments, agencies and institutions of  
6 this state are directed to lend assistance as may be required by the  
7 State Department of Education for the proper conduct and  
8 administration of the workshops as authorized in subsection A of  
9 this section. The State Department of Education shall maintain a  
10 permanent record of each district board of education member who  
11 successfully completes a workshop and shall issue a certificate of  
12 completion to the member.

13 F. The State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department  
14 of Career and Technology Education, and, upon approval of the State  
15 Board of Education, any organization or association representing  
16 district boards of education in this state are authorized to charge  
17 persons pledged to attend a workshop, class or seminar for purposes  
18 of meeting the instructional requirements of this section, a  
19 registration fee sufficient to defray the estimated costs of  
20 presenting the workshop, class or seminar and to collect the fees at  
21 the time of registration.

22 G. Any member of a district board of education or any  
23 individual elected, certified as the elected member by the county  
24 election board, but not sworn in and seated as a member of a

1 district board of education at the time of a workshop, class or  
2 seminar presented by the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma  
3 Department of Career and Technology Education, or an organization or  
4 association representing district boards of education within the  
5 state who attends and successfully completes a workshop, class or  
6 seminar as required by subsection A ~~or B~~ of this section shall be  
7 reimbursed by the school district in accordance with the travel  
8 reimbursement policy of the district.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-110.1, as  
10 amended by Section 2, Chapter 192, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012,  
11 Section 5-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 5-110.1 A. In addition to the requirements of Section  
13 5-110 of this title, every member of a school district board of  
14 education elected to a full term of office of five (5) years or more  
15 shall be required to attend a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of  
16 continuing education, each member elected to a full four-year term  
17 of office shall be required to attend a minimum of twelve (12) hours  
18 of continuing education, and each member elected to a full three-  
19 year term of office shall be required to attend a minimum of nine  
20 (9) hours of continuing education, prior to the date set for filing  
21 for reelection to that respective board seat. The continuing  
22 education courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, and conventions  
23 which shall satisfy the continuing education requirement shall be  
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1 approved jointly by the State Department of Education and the  
2 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

3 B. Local and state continuing education programs conducted  
4 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be held in all  
5 regions of the state at institutions of higher learning, area  
6 technology centers or other approved sites. Notice of such courses  
7 and seminars shall be provided to all school board members and to  
8 the public schools.

9 C. This section shall not apply to ~~those school board members~~  
10 ~~who file for reelection prior to July 1, 1991~~ a member who has  
11 previously served a minimum of three (3) years on a school district  
12 board of education.

13 D. Failure by a board member to satisfy the continuing  
14 education requirements of this section shall result in the  
15 ineligibility of the member to be reappointed or run for reelection  
16 to that respective board seat on the school district board of  
17 education or to run for election to any other board seat on the  
18 board of education for a three-year period for three-member boards,  
19 for a four-year period for seven-member boards or for a five-year  
20 period for five-member boards.

21 E. The State Department of Education, the Oklahoma Department  
22 of Career and Technology Education, and any organization approved by  
23 the State Board of Education, including but not limited to  
24 institutions of higher education, may charge persons attending

1 continuing education courses a registration fee sufficient to defray  
2 the estimated costs of presenting the course. The registration fees  
3 for each course shall be announced prior to the date of such course.

4 F. Any member of a school district board of education who  
5 attends and completes a course which satisfies in part or in full  
6 the requirements of this section shall be reimbursed by the school  
7 district for expenses incurred. In addition, a school district  
8 board of education may reimburse members of the board of education  
9 for expenses incurred in registering and attending board member  
10 training programs or activities approved by the board which are in  
11 addition to the minimum school board training requirements  
12 established by law.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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