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HOUSE BILL No. 2472

(By Mr. Del. Potthol, J. Miller)

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Passed

Feb., 13, 1991

In Effect 90 Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one-a, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, to allow school employees to serve on a county board of education in the county where they reside but are not employed.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one-a, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-1a. Eligibility of members.

1 No person shall be eligible for membership on any county board of education who is not a citizen, resident in such county, or who accepts a position as teacher or service personnel in the school district in which he or she is a resident or who is an elected or an appointed member of any political party executive committee, or who becomes a candidate for any other office than to succeed oneself.

9 No member or member-elect of any board of education shall be eligible for nomination, election or appointment to any public office, other than to succeed oneself, or for election or appointment as a member of any political party executive committee, unless and until
after that membership on the board, or his status as
member-elect to the board, has been terminated at or
before the time of his filing for such nomination for, or
appointment to, such public office or committee.

Any person who is elected or appointed to a county
board of education on or after the fifth day of May, one
thousand nine hundred ninety-two, shall possess at least
a high school diploma or a general educational develop-
ment (GED) diploma: Provided, That this provision shall
not apply to members or members-elect who have taken
office prior to the fifth day of May, one thousand nine
hundred ninety-two, and who serve continuously
therefrom.

No person elected to a county board of education after
the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety,
shall assume the duties of board member unless he or
she has first attended and completed a course of
orientation relating to boardsmanship and governance
effectiveness which shall be given between the date of
election and the beginning of the member's term of
office. Members appointed to the board shall attend and
complete the next such course offered following their
appointment. Commencing on the effective date of this
section, members shall annually receive seven clock
hours of training in areas relating to boardsmanship
and governance effectiveness. Such orientation and
training shall be approved by the state board of
education and conducted by the West Virginia school
board association or other organization or organizations
approved by the state board. Failure to attend and
complete such an approved course of orientation and
training relating to boardsmanship and governance
effectiveness without good cause shall constitute neglect
of duty.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 1st day of March, 1991.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 9/25/91
Time 2:50 PM