

HOUSE BILL 1453

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to qualifications of members of boards of education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) No person shall be eligible to serve on the board unless the person is a bona fide resident of the county and has a practical education, including a high school diploma or GED® and at least two (2) years of postsecondary education at a college or university, an associate degree from a community college or a diploma or certificate from a college of applied technology. No person shall qualify as a candidate for a position on a county board of education until the person has filed with the county election commission proof that the candidate graduated from high school or received a GED® and successfully completed the postsecondary education required under this subdivision (4) as evidenced by a diploma, transcripts from a postsecondary institution or other documentation satisfactory to the commission. Any person serving on a county board of education as of June 30, 2014, shall be allowed to continue to serve the term to which the person was elected and thereafter to seek reelection even though the person may not have graduated from high school or received a GED® or may not have successfully completed the postsecondary education, as required under this subdivision (4); provided, that there is no break in the person's service on the school board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to candidates for election on or after such date.