

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

(Reference to House engrossed Senate bill)

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1 Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by  
3 Laws 2007, chapter 190, section 1, is amended to read:

4 15-421. Governing board; members; qualifications; statement

5 A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing  
6 board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise  
7 provided by this section and section 15-425, subsection A.

8 B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing  
9 board composed of:

10 1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common  
11 school district.

12 2. In a union high school district, five members.

13 C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a  
14 resident of the school district for at least one year immediately preceding  
15 the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board  
16 member.

17 D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may  
18 hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such  
19 employee is employed.

20 E. A member of one governing board is ineligible to be a candidate for  
21 nomination or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other  
22 governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate  
23 for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is  
24 serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board  
25 shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a  
26 candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other  
27 school district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the  
28 last year of a term of office.

29 F. Notwithstanding section 15-511, each county school superintendent  
30 shall publish on its website the statement of each certified candidate for

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1 membership on a school district governing board located in the county. The  
2 county school superintendent shall list each school district on its website  
3 from which a link shall be established to the candidate's name, which shall  
4 link to the candidate's statement and photograph. The candidate shall submit  
5 the statement to the person at the county school superintendent's office  
6 assigned to manage candidate statements, after notice of certification from  
7 the county school superintendent's office but not later than twenty-one days  
8 before the date that general election early ballots are allowed to be mailed.  
9 The person shall post each candidate's statement on the county school  
10 superintendent's website not later than fourteen days before the date that  
11 general election early ballots are allowed to be mailed. If a candidate does  
12 not submit a statement, the county school superintendent's website shall  
13 state "no response submitted" for the candidate. The candidate statements  
14 shall be posted on the website alphabetically by each school district and by  
15 candidate. The candidate statement shall be typewritten or electronically  
16 submitted. The county school superintendent shall post the statements  
17 verbatim as they are received unless a candidate requests in writing that  
18 typographical errors be corrected. The candidate statement shall contain the  
19 following items in the same size and format for each candidate:

20 1. A recent photograph of the candidate.

21 2. A statement not to exceed five hundred words.

22 G. A SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBER WITHIN THE FIRST DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY  
23 OF A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT  
24 SIMULTANEOUSLY HOLD MEMBERSHIP ON THE SAME GOVERNING BOARD OF THAT SCHOOL  
25 DISTRICT. IF TWO OR MORE PERSONS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION ARE ELECTED TO  
26 THE SAME GOVERNING BOARD AT THE SAME ELECTION, THE PERSON WITH THE HIGHEST  
27 NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL SERVE ON THE GOVERNING BOARD."

28 Renumber to conform

29 Page 5, between lines 25 and 26, insert:

30 "Sec. 6. Retention of members

31 Notwithstanding section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by  
32 this act, all persons serving as members of a school district governing board

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1 on the effective date of this act are retained as a part of the school  
2 district governing board and may continue to serve until expiration of their  
3 normal terms."

4 Renumber to conform

5 Amend title to conform

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