

HOUSE BILL 463

By Reedy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to local boards of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "The members of the board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years and may succeed themselves. For the first election held pursuant to this section, in order to establish staggered terms of office, the members from even-numbered districts shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and the members of odd-numbered districts shall be elected for four (4) years." and substituting:

The members of the board shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and may succeed themselves.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "four-year term" and substituting "two-year term".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201(a), is amended by deleting subdivisions (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) and substituting:

() This subsection (a) does not vacate the office of a member of a local board of education who was elected to a four-year term if the member is serving a term on the local board of education for which the member was elected before January 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(7)

(A) A person is not eligible to serve as a member of a local board of education if that person is a relative of a member who is currently serving a term of office on the local board of education.

(B) This subdivision (a)(7) does not vacate the office of a member of a local board of education who is a relative of another member of the local board of education if the member is serving a term on the local board of education for which the member was elected before January 1, 2022.

(C) As used in this subdivision (a)(7), "relative" means a spouse, parent, parent-in-law, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or a person who resides in the same household as a member of the local board of education.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies only to members of a local board of education elected on or after that date.