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Senator Johnson

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-421, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

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

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. EACH GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMPLETE A TRAINING PROGRAM
30 OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NO LATER THAN ___ DAYS AFTER THE
31 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER IS ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD. THE
32 TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON OPEN MEETING LAWS, SCHOOL
33 FINANCE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNING BOARD
34 MEMBERS. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH AND COLLECT FEES TO CARRY
35 OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

36 Sec. 2. Training programs for existing governing board members

37 Each person who is a member of a school district governing board on the
38 effective date of this act shall complete the same training program
39 prescribed in section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this
40 act, no later than ____ days after the effective date of this act.