

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2286

AN ACT

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

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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; statement;  
5 training  
6 A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing  
7 board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise  
8 provided by this section and section 15-425, subsection A.  
9 B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing  
10 board composed of:  
11 1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common  
12 school district.  
13 2. In a union high school district, five members.  
14 C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a  
15 resident of the school district for at least one year immediately preceding  
16 the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board  
17 member.  
18 D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may  
19 hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such  
20 employee is employed.  
21 E. A member of one governing board is ineligible to be a candidate for  
22 nomination or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other  
23 governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate  
24 for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is  
25 serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board  
26 shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a  
27 candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other  
28 school district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the  
29 last year of a term of office.  
30 F. Notwithstanding section 15-511, each county school superintendent  
31 shall publish on its website the statement of each certified candidate for  
32 membership on a school district governing board located in the county. The  
33 county school superintendent shall list each school district on its website  
34 from which a link shall be established to the candidate's name, which shall  
35 link to the candidate's statement and photograph. The candidate shall submit  
36 the statement to the person at the county school superintendent's office  
37 assigned to manage candidate statements, after notice of certification from  
38 the county school superintendent's office but not later than twenty-one days  
39 before the date that general election early ballots are allowed to be mailed.  
40 The person shall post each candidate's statement on the county school  
41 superintendent's website not later than fourteen days before the date that  
42 general election early ballots are allowed to be mailed. If a candidate does  
43 not submit a statement, the county school superintendent's website shall  
44 state "no response submitted" for the candidate. The candidate statements  
45 shall be posted on the website alphabetically by each school district and by

1 candidate. The candidate statement shall be typewritten or electronically  
2 submitted. The county school superintendent shall post the statements  
3 verbatim as they are received unless a candidate requests in writing that  
4 typographical errors be corrected. The candidate statement shall contain the  
5 following items in the same size and format for each candidate:

- 6 1. A recent photograph of the candidate.
- 7 2. A statement not to exceed five hundred words.

8 G. EACH GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER SHALL COMPLETE A TRAINING PROGRAM  
9 OFFERED BY AN APPROVED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROVIDER NO LATER  
10 THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER IS ELECTED OR  
11 APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD. THE TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE  
12 INFORMATION ON OPEN MEETING LAWS, SCHOOL FINANCE, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND THE  
13 RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS. THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
14 TRAINING PROVIDER SHALL BE SELECTED FROM A LIST APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD  
15 OF EDUCATION.