

CHAPTER 964

S.B. No. 1342

AN ACT

relating to training and employment of school board members.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 23.20 to read as follows:

Sec. 23.20. ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT. A trustee of a school district is prohibited from applying for or soliciting employment with that school district until the trustee's current term has expired or until the trustee has resigned and a successor has been named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 23.201 to read as follows:

Sec. 23.201. ELIGIBILITY TO CONTRACT WITH BOARD. (a) The board of trustees of a school district may not enter into a contract with a trustee of the district, the spouse of a trustee, or a business entity in which a trustee or the spouse of a trustee has a significant interest until the trustee's current term has expired or until the trustee has resigned and a successor has been chosen to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.

(b) In this section, the term "business entity" has the meaning provided by Section 171.001, Local Government Code.

(c) For purposes of this section, a person has a substantial interest in a business entity if the person has a substantial interest in the business entity for purposes of Chapter 171, Local Government Code.

(d) This section prevails over Chapter 171, Local Government Code, to the extent of any conflict.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 23.33, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt [~~appoint an advisory committee to develop~~] statewide standards for [~~on~~] the duties of a school board member as criteria to be used to develop board member training. [~~The committee shall consist of at least 15 persons knowledgeable in the management of the public schools of the state, and no less than five members of the committee shall consist of individuals currently serving as locally elected school board members.~~]

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 21, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 1993: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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