

HOUSE BILL 98

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 fourth sentence of the subdivision and substituting instead:

The members of the board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and may succeed themselves, subject to subsection (e).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e)

(1) A member of a local board of education may succeed themselves on the board for no more than two (2) consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

(2) This subsection (e) does not vacate the office of a member of a local board of education who is serving a term as a member of a local board of education that exceeds the two (2) term limit established in this subsection (e), if the member was elected for the term before July 1, 2021.

SECTION 3. 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 July 1, 2021.

(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 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.