

HOUSE BILL 529

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to qualifications for members of boards of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) No person shall be eligible to serve on the board unless the person is a bona fide resident of the county and has a practical education, including both a high school diploma or GED and at least two (2) years of postsecondary education; provided, however, that any person serving on a board of education on June 30, 2013, shall be permitted to fulfill the remainder of the person's term despite not qualifying as a member pursuant to this subdivision (a)(3). No person shall qualify as a candidate for a position on a county board of education until the person has filed with the county election commission proof that the candidate graduated from high school or received a GED and successfully completed two (2) years of postsecondary education, evidenced by a diploma, transcripts from a postsecondary institution, or other documentation satisfactory to the commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to candidates for election on or after such date.