

SENATE BILL 1655

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 2, relative to 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 individual shall be eligible to serve on the board unless the person is a bona fide resident of the county and has earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited or unaccredited institution of higher education; provided, however, any individual serving on a school board before July 1, 2011, shall be permitted to continue to serve and seek reelection or reappointment for one (1) additional term even though the individual may not have received a bachelor's degree as required under this subdivision (a)(3). No individual shall qualify as a candidate for a position on a county board of education until that individual has filed proof with the county election commission that the individual has earned a bachelor's degree; such proof may be in the form of an official copy of a diploma or other document that the commission determines to be satisfactory.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to individuals serving on a board on or after that date.