



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB5024

by Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-1

from Ch. 122, par. 3-1

Amends the Regional Superintendent of Schools Article of the School Code. Makes changes concerning the qualifications of a regional superintendent of schools, including requiring his or her master's degree to be in education, removing the licensure requirement if he or she will have on staff a qualified assistant regional superintendent, allowing the teaching experience to include any grade level, kindergarten through the university undergraduate level, and requiring employment with the regional office of education for which he or she is seeking to serve as regional superintendent for a minimum of 5 years in an administrative capacity. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 3-1 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-1)

7 Sec. 3-1. Election; eligibility. Quadrennially there shall
8 be elected in every county, except those which have been
9 consolidated into a multicounty educational service region
10 under Article 3A and except those having a population of
11 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, a regional superintendent of
12 schools, who shall enter upon the discharge of his duties on
13 the first Monday of August next after his election; provided,
14 however, that the term of office of each regional
15 superintendent of schools in office on June 30, 2003 is
16 terminated on July 1, 2003, except that an incumbent regional
17 superintendent of schools shall continue to serve until his
18 successor is elected and qualified, and each regional
19 superintendent of schools elected at the general election in
20 2002 and every four years thereafter shall assume office on the
21 first day of July next after his election. No one is eligible
22 to file his or her petition at any primary election for the
23 nomination as candidate for the office of regional

1 superintendent of schools nor to enter upon the duties of such
2 office either by election or appointment unless he or she
3 possesses the following qualifications: (1) he or she is of
4 good character, (2) he or she has a master's degree in
5 education, (3) he or she has earned at least 20 semester hours
6 of credit in professional education at the graduate level, (4)
7 he or she holds a valid all grade supervisory license, a valid
8 State limited supervisory license, a valid state life
9 supervisory license, or a valid administrative license or he or
10 she will have on staff an assistant regional superintendent of
11 schools who meets the requirements of Section 3-15.10 of this
12 Code, (5) he or she has had at least 4 years of experience in
13 teaching at any grade level, kindergarten through the
14 university undergraduate level, and (6) he or she has been
15 employed with the regional office of education for which he or
16 she is seeking to serve as regional superintendent of schools
17 for a minimum of 5 years in an administrative capacity he was
18 engaged for at least 2 years of the 4 previous years in full
19 time teaching or supervising in the common public schools or
20 serving as a county superintendent of schools or regional
21 superintendent of schools for an educational service region in
22 the State of Illinois.

23 No petition of any candidate for nomination for the office
24 of regional superintendent of schools may be filed and no such
25 candidate's name may be placed on a primary or general election
26 ballot, unless such candidate files as part of his petition a

1 certificate from the State Board of Education certifying that
2 from the records of its office such candidate has the
3 qualifications required by this Section; however, any
4 incumbent filing his petition for nomination for a succeeding
5 term of office shall not be required to attach such certificate
6 to his petition of candidacy.

7 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
8 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk
9 or State Board of Elections a statement of economic interests
10 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such
11 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar
12 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the
13 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with
14 the general election law.

15 The changes in qualifications made by Public Act 76-1563 do
16 not affect the right of an incumbent to seek reelection. The
17 changes in qualifications made by this amendatory Act of the
18 99th General Assembly do not affect the right of an incumbent
19 to serve the remainder of his or her term.

20 On and after July 1, 1994, the provisions of this Section
21 shall have no application in any educational service region
22 having a population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants; provided
23 further that no election shall be held in November of 1994 or
24 at any other time after July 1, 1992 for the office of regional
25 superintendent of schools in any county or educational service
26 region having a population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants.

1 (Source: P.A. 99-30, eff. 7-10-15.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.