



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5375

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-1

from Ch. 122, par. 3-1

Amends the School Code in the provision concerning the election and eligibility of regional superintendents of schools. Removes a prerequisite for eligibility to file a petition at a primary election for nomination as a candidate for the office of regional superintendent of schools that requires a person to be engaged for at least 2 years of the 4 previous years in full-time teaching or supervising in the common public schools or serving as a county superintendent of schools or regional superintendent of schools for an educational service region in this State. Effective immediately.

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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 petition at any primary election for the nomination
23 as candidate for the office of regional superintendent of

1 schools nor to enter upon the duties of such office either by
2 election or appointment unless he possesses the following
3 qualifications: (1) he is of good character, (2) he has a
4 master's degree, (3) he has earned at least 20 semester hours
5 of credit in professional education at the graduate level, (4)
6 he holds a valid all grade supervisory certificate or a valid
7 state limited supervisory certificate, or a valid state life
8 supervisory certificate, or a valid administrative
9 certificate, and (5) he has had at least 4 years experience in
10 teaching, ~~and (6) he was engaged for at least 2 years of the 4~~
11 ~~previous years in full time teaching or supervising in the~~
12 ~~common public schools or serving as a county superintendent of~~
13 ~~schools or regional superintendent of schools for an~~
14 ~~educational service region in the State of Illinois.~~

15 No petition of any candidate for nomination for the office
16 of regional superintendent of schools may be filed and no such
17 candidate's name may be placed on a primary or general election
18 ballot, unless such candidate files as part of his petition a
19 certificate from the State Board of Education certifying that
20 from the records of its office such candidate has the
21 qualifications required by this Section; however, any
22 incumbent filing his petition for nomination for a succeeding
23 term of office shall not be required to attach such certificate
24 to his petition of candidacy.

25 Nomination papers filed under this Section are not valid
26 unless the candidate named therein files with the county clerk

1 or State Board of Elections a statement of economic interests
2 as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Such
3 receipt shall be so filed either previously during the calendar
4 year in which his nomination papers were filed or within the
5 period for the filing of nomination papers in accordance with
6 the general election law.

7 The changes in qualifications made by Public Act 76-1563 do
8 not affect the right of an incumbent to seek reelection.

9 On and after July 1, 1994, the provisions of this Section
10 shall have no application in any educational service region
11 having a population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants; provided
12 further that no election shall be held in November of 1994 or
13 at any other time after July 1, 1992 for the office of regional
14 superintendent of schools in any county or educational service
15 region having a population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants.

16 (Source: P.A. 96-893, eff. 7-1-10.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.