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SECRETARY OF STATE**

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CHAPTER 190

SENATE BILL 1046

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-421, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-421, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-421. Governing board; members; qualifications; statement

5 A. The governing body of a school district shall be a governing
6 board. There shall be three governing board members, except as otherwise
7 provided by this section and section 15-425, subsection A.

8 B. The governing body of a high school district shall be a governing
9 board composed of:

10 1. In a single district, the governing board members of the common
11 school district.

12 2. In a union high school district, five members.

13 C. A person who is a registered voter of this state and has been a
14 resident of the school district for AT LEAST one year immediately preceding
15 the day of election is eligible for election to the office of governing board
16 member.

17 D. No employee of a school district or the spouse of such employee may
18 hold membership on a governing board of a school district by which such
19 employee is employed.

20 E. A member of one governing board is ineligible to be a candidate for
21 nomination or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other
22 governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate
23 for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is
24 serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board
25 shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a
26 candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other
27 school district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the
28 last year of a term of office.

29 F. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-511, EACH COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
30 SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE THE STATEMENT OF EACH CERTIFIED CANDIDATE FOR
31 MEMBERSHIP ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. THE
32 COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL LIST EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ON ITS WEBSITE
33 FROM WHICH A LINK SHALL BE ESTABLISHED TO THE CANDIDATE'S NAME, WHICH SHALL
34 LINK TO THE CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPH. THE CANDIDATE SHALL SUBMIT
35 THE STATEMENT TO THE PERSON AT THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
36 ASSIGNED TO MANAGE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, AFTER NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION FROM
37 THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE BUT NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-ONE DAYS
38 BEFORE THE DATE THAT GENERAL ELECTION EARLY BALLOTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE MAILED.
39 THE PERSON SHALL POST EACH CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT ON THE COUNTY SCHOOL
40 SUPERINTENDENT'S WEBSITE NOT LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THAT
41 GENERAL ELECTION EARLY BALLOTS ARE ALLOWED TO BE MAILED. IF A CANDIDATE DOES
42 NOT SUBMIT A STATEMENT, THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S WEBSITE SHALL
43 STATE "NO RESPONSE SUBMITTED" FOR THE CANDIDATE. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
44 SHALL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE ALPHABETICALLY BY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BY
45 CANDIDATE. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT SHALL BE TYPEWRITTEN OR ELECTRONICALLY

1 SUBMITTED. THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL POST THE STATEMENTS
2 VERBATIM AS THEY ARE RECEIVED UNLESS A CANDIDATE REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT
3 TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS BE CORRECTED. THE CANDIDATE STATEMENT SHALL CONTAIN THE
4 FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE SAME SIZE AND FORMAT FOR EACH CANDIDATE:
5 1. A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CANDIDATE.
6 2. A STATEMENT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED WORDS.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 8, 2007.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 9, 2007.

Passed the House April 24, 2007,

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

13 Nays, 7 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 27, 2007,

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

10 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR~~

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this~~

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

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Governor of Arizona~~

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~~EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE~~

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State~~

~~this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 2, 2007

by the following vote: 24 Ayes,

5 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Timothy S. Bee
President of the Senate

Charmian Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

2nd day of May, 2007

at 11:05 o'clock a M.

Winnifred Ybarra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 8 day of

May 2007

at 4:50 o'clock P M.

J. A. Nagall
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 9 day of May, 2007

at 8:35 o'clock A M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State