
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1602

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Chappell, Cothorn and Thomas; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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1 AN ACT Relating to election of regional committee members; amending
2 RCW 28A.315.030, 28A.315.060, and 28A.315.080; and providing an
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.315.030 and 1990 c 33 s 294 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
8 contrary, (~~those persons who were county committee members and~~
9 ~~registered to vote as of July 28, 1985, shall constitute the regional~~
10 ~~committee of the educational service district within which they are~~
11 ~~registered to vote until the election of the initial regional committee~~
12 ~~pursuant to this section. The initial election of members of each~~
13 ~~regional committee shall be by those persons who were county committee~~
14 ~~members registered to vote within the educational service district as~~
15 ~~of July 28, 1985. Only persons who were county committee members and~~
16 ~~so registered to vote as of July 28, 1985, shall be eligible for~~
17 ~~membership on an initial regional committee, and only those persons who~~
18 ~~are eligible for such membership and are in attendance at a meeting~~
19 ~~held for the purpose of the election shall be entitled to cast a vote.~~

1 The meeting shall be held at a time and place designated and announced
2 by the educational service district superintendent, but no later than
3 the thirtieth day after July 28, 1985. The educational service
4 district superintendent shall preside over the meeting. Nominations
5 shall be from the floor and shall be for position numbers assigned by
6 the educational service district superintendent for the purpose of the
7 initial election and all subsequent elections held pursuant to RCW
8 28A.315.060.) the term of office of each regional committee member and
9 position shall expire as of the second Monday of January 1995. Each
10 regional committee member position shall therefore be open for election
11 purposes in 1994. Members of each ((initial)) regional committee shall
12 be elected by majority vote and shall serve for the staggered terms of
13 office set forth in RCW ((28A.315.060)) 28A.315.080 and until their
14 successors are certified as elected pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060.
15 Regional committee member position numbers shall be assigned by the
16 educational service district superintendent for purposes of all
17 elections held pursuant to RCW 28A.315.060.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.315.060 and 1990 c 33 s 295 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The members of each regional committee shall be elected in the
21 following manner:

22 (1) On or before the 25th day of September, ((1986)) 1994, and not
23 later than the 25th day of September of every subsequent even-numbered
24 year, each superintendent of an educational service district shall call
25 an election to be held in each educational service district within
26 which resides a member of a regional committee whose term of office
27 expires on the second Monday of January next following, and shall give
28 written notice thereof to each member of the board of directors of each
29 school district in the educational service district. Such notice shall
30 include instructions, and the rules and regulations established by the
31 state board of education for the conduct of the election. The state
32 board of education is hereby empowered to adopt rules pursuant to
33 chapter 34.05 RCW which establish standards and procedures which the
34 state board deems necessary to conduct elections pursuant to this
35 section; to conduct run-off elections in the event an election for a
36 position is indecisive; and to decide run-off elections which result in
37 tie votes, in a fair and orderly manner.

1 (2) Candidates for membership on a regional committee shall file a
2 declaration of candidacy with the superintendent of the educational
3 service district wherein they reside. Declarations of candidacy may be
4 filed by person or by mail not earlier than the 1st day of October, and
5 not later than the 15th day of October of each even-numbered year. The
6 superintendent may not accept any declaration of candidacy that is not
7 on file in his or her office or not postmarked before the 16th day of
8 October, or if not postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if
9 received by mail after the 20th day of October of each even-numbered
10 year.

11 (3) Each member of the regional committee shall be elected by a
12 majority of the votes cast for all candidates for the position by the
13 members of the boards of directors of school districts in the
14 educational service district. All votes shall be cast by mail ballot
15 addressed to the superintendent of the educational service district
16 wherein the school director resides. No votes shall be accepted for
17 counting if postmarked after the 16th day of November or if not
18 postmarked or the postmark is not legible, if received by mail after
19 the 21st day of November of each even-numbered year. An election board
20 comprised of three persons appointed by the board of the educational
21 service district shall count and tally the votes not later than the
22 25th day of November or the next business day if the 25th falls on a
23 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday of each even-numbered year. Each
24 vote cast by a school director shall be recorded as one vote. Within
25 ten days following the count of votes, the educational service district
26 superintendent shall certify to the superintendent of public
27 instruction the name or names of the person(s) elected to be members of
28 the regional committee.

29 (4) In the event of a change in the number of educational service
30 districts or in the number of educational service district board
31 members pursuant to chapter 28A.310 RCW a new regional committee shall
32 be elected for each affected educational service district at the next
33 annual election conducted pursuant to this section. Those persons who
34 were serving on a regional committee within an educational service
35 district affected by a change in the number of districts or board
36 members shall continue to constitute the regional committee for the
37 educational service district within which they are registered to vote
38 until the majority of a new board has been elected and certified.

1 (5) No member of a regional committee shall continue to serve
2 thereon if he or she ceases to be a registered voter of the educational
3 service district board member district or if he or she is absent from
4 three consecutive meetings of the committee without an excuse
5 acceptable to the committee.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.315.080 and 1990 c 33 s 296 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The terms of members of the regional committees shall be for
9 ~~((five))~~ four years and until their successors are certified as
10 ~~electd. ((As nearly as possible one fifth of the members shall be~~
11 ~~electd annually.))~~ For the ~~((initial))~~ 1994 election conducted
12 pursuant to RCW 28A.315.030 and the election of a new regional
13 committee following a change in the number of educational service
14 districts or board members, regional committee member positions one
15 ~~((and six)),~~ three, five, seven, and nine shall be for a term of
16 ~~((five))~~ two years, positions two ~~((and seven)),~~ four, six, and eight
17 shall be for a term of four years ~~((, positions three and eight shall be~~
18 ~~for a term of three years, positions four and nine shall be for a term~~
19 ~~of two years, and position five shall be for a term of one year))~~.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect September 1,
21 1994.

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