

SB 2223 - School Board Membership Requirements for Military Installations

From: Meyer, Scott scottmeyer@ndlegis.gov

To: jayelkin@nd.gov

Date: Thu, Jan 12, 2023, 1:09 PM

Mr. Chairman,

Current language in 15.1-08-02 states a school board member must reside on the military installation.

However, more and more military members and their families live off the base and commute to work. Many times these people bring their children with them to work, and drop them off at the base school. Just like in many other elected positions, it has become harder and harder to find quality candidates who are willing to run and serve. This bill now allows an active member or spouse of the military installation, and retired member or spouse of the military installation whose permanent residence is within 20 miles of the military installation.

Through discussion with Alexis Baxley, School Board Association, she recommended the 20 mile radius, because 20 miles east of the Grand Forks Air Force Base puts you in Minnesota.

I was first informed of this bill through Congressman Armstrong after a school board member from GFafb contacted him for support.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Scott

Senator Scott Meyer

District 18

Grand Forks, ND

(C) 218.791.7655

(E) ScottMeyer@ndlegis.gov

From: Meyer, Scott scottmeyer@ndlegis.gov

To: Meyer, Scott scottmeyer@ndlegis.gov

Date: Wed, Jan 18, 2023, 9:15 AM

I think we could just add "No individual who serves on the board of the schools district in which they reside may simultaneously be appointed to the board of a military installation." After "twenty miles from the military installation."
