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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2372

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-10-03

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Minutes: VICE CHAIRMAN LEE called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with (5) five members present and (1) one absent.

VICE CHAIRMAN LEE opened the hearing on SB 2372 which relates to a cross-reference to a school board nepotism statute, and repealing a section of code that relates to the employment of teachers related to school board members.

Testimony in support of SB 2372.

SENATOR FREBORG, Dist. 8, spoke to the bill. He stated it <u>repeals</u> the section of code that states if a board is hiring a teacher related to a board member, it takes a majority plus one to hire the teacher. He feels this is an antiquated law. What the bill does is require a simple majority. SENATOR CHRISTENSON asked if there are any conflicts with federal rules and regulations by repealing these statutes. SENATOR FREBORG doesn't know of any.

BEV NIELSON, ND School Boards Assn., spoke in support of the bill. She stated that last session, when the rewrite was done on Sec. 15.1, we changed the conflict of interest statute for

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school boards (see attached sheet of century code). It was the desire of the legislature to take care of any conflict of interest at the conflict of interest level. At the point when a member has a conflict and the rest of the committee has unanimously decided to allow them to participate, this is the point where the conflict is put to rest and a simple majority will rule on any question. SENATOR FREBORG asked for a definition of "blood relative". MS. NIELSON stated that the discussion in the interim and she doesn't know what was determined, but she knows it counts cousins.

SENATOR TAYLOR asked if there have been problems with this. MS. NIELSON stated this will take care of any problems with a unanimous vote from the board members. It was confusing with two different statutes saying two different things.

There was no opposition to SB 2372.

SENATOR COOK moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR CHRISTENSON.

Roll Call Vote: 5 YES. 0 NO. 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

SENATOR LEE asked if the committee wanted a clarification on "blood relative". NO.

Carrier: SENATOR G. LEE

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) February 10, 2003 2:47 p.m.

Module No: SR-25-2159 Carrier: G. Lee Insert LC: Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2372: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2372 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2372 House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 19, 2003

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Sez. Layton Freborg, District 8, Underwood

Hand out on what the statue 15.1-09-37 states for anyone's review.

The employment of relatives to require that you must have the majority plus one if the person in question is related to one of the boards members by blood or marriage.

Gloria Lokken, NDEA

We support this bill and agree that it a necessary step, we do not need to put road blocks in the way of hiring personnel.

Rep. Solberg has there been many of these occurrences of School boards hiring a relative and making a violation of this statute that you know of.

Lokken: Not that I am aware of, We know that the school board members and spouses serving in the same school districts, that is has not be miss used.

Opposition: None Closed the hearing

Rep. Hanson moves a DO PASS, Rep. Jon Nelson second the motion.

Roll Vote: 14-0-0 Rep. Solberg carry the bill to the floor.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 19, 2003 9:42 a.m.

Module No: HR-49-5162 Carrier: Solberg Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2372: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2372 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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15.1-09-38. Duties of school board - Employment of relatives. The board of a school district may not employ as a teacher an individual who is related to a member of the board by blood or marriage, unless a majority of the board members, plus one, vote their concurrence with the employment.

Source: S.L. 1999, ch. 196, § 9.

15.1-07-17. School district conracts - Conflict of interest - Penalty. 1. A school board member or other school officer who has a conflict of interest in any contract requiring the expenditure of school funds shall disclose the conflict to the board and may not participate in any discussions or votes regarding that contract without the consent of all other board members.

2. For purposes of this section, a conflict of interest means the personal, professional, or pecuniary interest of an individual, the individual's spouse or relative, or the individual's business or professional associ-

3. Any person who violates this section is guilty of a class A misdetion is a meanor.

Source: S.L. 1999, ch. 196, \$ 7; 2001, ch. 161, § 9. Effective Date.

The 2001 amendment of this section by section 9 of chapter 161, S.L. 2001 became effective July 1, 2001.

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4. This section does not preclude the coeration of a school store where students may purchase school supplies and materials.5. If a board charges fees not authorized by law and refuses to

discontinue the charges when directed to do so by the superintendent of public instruction, the superintendent shall withhold the per student and transportation aid payments to which the district is entitled for each student charged an unauthorized fee.

Source: S.L. 1999, ch. 196, 🛊 9.

15.1-09-87. Duties of school board — Postsecondary instructional programs — Fees. Repealed by S.L. 2001, ch. 161, § 87.

chapter 161, section 87, became effective July The repeal of this section by S.L. 2001, 1, 2001.

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15.1-09-39. Districts in bordering states -- Contract.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of a school district in this state may contract with the board of a school district in another state for the joint operation and maintenance of school facilities and for joint activities, if the districts are contiguous. To be valid, the contract must be approved by the superintendent of public instruction and by a majority of the qualified electors residing in the district.

2. In assessing the contract, the superintendent shall consider the district's enrollment, its valuation, and its longevity.

3. If the superintendent approves the contract, the board shall submit the contract to the electorate of the district, for approval, at an annual or a special election.

 The board shall publish notice of the election in the official newspaper of the district at least fourteen days before the election. The notice must include a statement regarding the purpose of the election and the terms of the contract.

5. On the ballot, the board shall seek the voters' permission to execute the proposed contract, as approved by the superintendent of public instruction.

6. If the voters approve the execution of the contract, the board may levy and collect taxes to carry out the contract pursuant to law.

7. If a district that is a party to a contract under this section dissolves, any district to which the land of the dissolved district is attached shall assume the contractual responsibilities.

Source: S.L. 1999, ch. 196, § 9.

15.1-09-40. Sharing of levied taxes — Contract. The boards of two or more school districts may contract to share levied taxes in all or a portion

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