

Senate Bill 903

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY

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Changes regular district elections for school district boards and education service district boards to be held at same time as primary election.

Requires members of district school boards and education service district boards to receive training related to position.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elections related to school; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 255.335.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 255.335 is amended to read:

5 255.335. (1) The regular district election shall be held by each district for the purpose of electing
6 members of the district board to succeed a member whose term expires the following June 30 and
7 to elect members to fill any vacancy which then may exist. **Except as provided in subsection (2)**
8 **of this section**, the **regular district** election shall be held in each such district in each odd-
9 numbered year on the third Tuesday in May.

10 **(2) The regular district election for each school district board and education service dis-**
11 **trict board shall be held in an even-numbered year on the third Tuesday in May.**

12 [(2)] (3) A district shall not conduct more than one election of board members in any year.

13 [(3)] (4) The first regular district election in a district shall be held on the regular district
14 election date next following the year in which the first members of the district board were elected
15 or appointed.

16 [(4)] (5) The term of a board member elected at the regular district election shall commence on
17 the first day of July next following the election and shall expire June 30 next following the regular
18 district election at which a successor is elected.

19 [(5)] (6) Each district board shall hold a regular organizational meeting following the regular
20 district election and not later than the last day of July of that year.

21 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 255.335 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to reg-
22 ular district elections held on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.

23 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding the terms of office specified in ORS 332.018, 332.138 and
24 334.090:

25 (1) **The term of office of a person who was elected to serve on a district school board or**
26 **an education service district board in May 2007, or who was appointed to fill a vacancy in an**
27 **office that was filled in an election in May 2007, shall expire June 30, 2010.**

28 (2) **The term of office of a person who was elected to serve on a district school board or**
29 **an education service district board in May 2009, or who was appointed to fill a vacancy in an**
30 **office that was filled in an election in May 2009, shall expire June 30, 2012.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 4.** Section 5 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 332.

2 **SECTION 5.** (1) A district school board shall ensure that within six months of a person
3 taking office as a member of the district school board, the person receives training on:

- 4 (a) The powers and duties of district school boards;
- 5 (b) The ethics of being a member of a district school board; and
- 6 (c) The principles of being an effective member of a district school board.

7 (2) In addition to the training requirement described in subsection (1) of this section,
8 each member of a district school board shall receive annual training to assist the member
9 in being an effective member of a district school board.

10 (3) The Department of Education may assist a district school board in complying with the
11 requirements of this section by organizing training sessions or providing information on
12 training opportunities.

13 (4) The department or a district school board may enter into an agreement to provide the
14 training required by this section with an association of which district school boards are
15 members or with any organization that has the expertise to provide the training.

16 **SECTION 6.** Section 7 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 334.

17 **SECTION 7.** (1) An education service district board shall ensure that within six months
18 of a person taking office as a member of the education service district board, the person
19 receives training on:

- 20 (a) The powers and duties of the education service district boards;
- 21 (b) The ethics of being a member of an education service district board; and
- 22 (c) The principles of being an effective member of an education service district board.

23 (2) In addition to the training requirement described in subsection (1) of this section,
24 each member of an education service district board shall receive annual training to assist
25 the member in being an effective member of an education service district board.

26 (3) The Department of Education may assist an education service district board in com-
27 plying with the requirements of this section by organizing training sessions or providing in-
28 formation on training opportunities.

29 (4) The department or an education service district board may enter into an agreement
30 to provide the training required by this section with an association of which education ser-
31 vice districts are members or with any organization that has the expertise to provide the
32 training.