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§ 37-9-13. Selection of superintendent of school district; qualifications of superintendent.**(1)**

(a) Each school district shall have a superintendent of schools, selected in the manner provided by law. No person shall be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools unless such person shall hold a valid administrator's license issued by the State Department of Education and shall have classroom or administrative experience of not less than six (6) years which shall include at least three (3) years of administrative experience as a school building principal (a) in a school with an "A" or "B" accountability rating, or (b) in a school that increased its accountability rating by a letter grade during the period in which the principal was employed as principal at the school, or (c) in a school with comparable accountability rating or improvement in another state which shall be verified by the Mississippi Department of Education.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, no person shall be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools if the person has pled guilty to or been convicted of any state or federal offense in which he or she unlawfully took, obtained or misappropriated funds received by or entrusted to the person by virtue of his or her public office or employment.

(2) From and after January 1, 2019, in all public school districts, the local school board shall appoint the superintendent of schools of such district. At the expiration of the term of any county superintendent of education elected at the November 2015 general election, the county superintendent of education of said county shall not be elected but shall thereafter be appointed by the local school board in the manner provided in Section 37-9-25. However, in the event that a vacancy in the office of the superintendent of schools elected at the November 2015 general election shall occur before January 1, 2019, the office of superintendent of schools shall immediately become an appointed position, and the local school board shall appoint the superintendent of the school district. The superintendent of schools shall have the general powers and duties to administer the schools within his district as prescribed in Section 37-9-14 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(3) As an alternative to the qualifications prescribed in subsection (1)(a) of this section, the State Board of Education is authorized and directed to issue regulations by January 1, 2018, which include minimum credentials, educational prerequisites, and relevant best practice experience requirements that will qualify a



person to serve as a superintendent without having the direct experience or certification as an educator specified in subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to any superintendent of schools selected on or after July 1, 2017, who has not previously served as a superintendent or assistant superintendent within the last five (5) years.

History

Codes, 1942, § 6282-04; Laws, 1953, Ex Sess, ch. 20, § 4; Laws, 1960, ch. 300; Laws, 1981, ch. 499, § 3; Laws, 1986, ch. 492, § 60; Laws, 1987, ch. 307, § 7; Laws, 1988, ch. 342, § 1; Laws, 1997, ch. 545, § 7; Laws, 2016, ch. 311, § 1; Laws, 2017, ch. 301, § 1; Laws, 2017, ch. 442, § 1, eff from and after July 1, 2017; Laws, 2019, ch. 362, § 3, eff from and after July 1, 2019.

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