



# Legislative Council Staff

## Research Note

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### Bill Number

House Bill 16-1225

### Sponsors

*Representative Priola*  
*Senator Tate*

### Short Title

*School Districts Must Post*  
*Director Candidate Information*

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### Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective August 10, 2016.

### Summary

This bill requires school districts with more than 1,000 students to post information about candidates for board of directors on the districts' websites at least 60 days prior to elections.

### Background

With certain exceptions, school board elections take place biennially in each school district on the first Tuesday in November of each odd-numbered year. Districts elect five, six, or seven directors for four-year terms, and these directors comprise the local school board. Directors represent and are elected by voters from the entire school district, regardless of the district's plan of representation.

### House Action

***House Education Committee (March 16, 2016).*** At the hearing, a representative of the Colorado Association of School Boards testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.002, which changed the requirement for posting from a special statement by the candidate to the candidate's written notice of intention that was filed with the Secretary of State and added the candidate's address and contact information to the items required to be posted. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

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**House second reading (March 24, 2016).** The House Committee of the Whole adopted the Education Committee report and passed amendment no. 2, which clarified the legislative declaration. The committee passed the bill with no further amendments.

**House third reading (March 28, 2016).** The House passed the bill with no amendments.

## **Senate Action**

**Senate Education Committee (April 14, 2016).** At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Association of School Boards spoke in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

**Senate second reading (April 19, 2016).** The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill with no amendments.

**Senate third reading (April 20, 2016).** The Senate passed the bill with no amendments.