

AN ACT

relating to employment contract requirements for certain public school principals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.102, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Section 21.202(b), a [A] person who is employed as a teacher by a school district for the first time, or who has not been employed by the district for two consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967, shall be employed under a probationary contract.

SECTION 2. Section 21.202, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.202. PROBATIONARY CONTRACT REQUIRED. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), before [Before] a teacher may be employed under a term contract, the teacher must be employed under a probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C.

(b) A school district may employ a person as a principal or classroom teacher under a term contract if the person has experience as a public school principal or classroom teacher, respectively, regardless of whether the person is being employed by the school district for the first time or whether a probationary contract would otherwise be required under Section 21.102.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1394 passed the Senate on April 15, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1394 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor