

Decision on School Hiring Doesn't Apply in Loudoun

A recent decision by the Shenandoah County Circuit Court to the effect that county school boards cannot hire relatives of school board members or of the superintendent of schools will have no effect on present policies of the Loudoun County school board, according to Superintendent of Schools O. L. Emerick.

He said the situation locally was covered by exceptions to the statutory prohibition, which did not apply in the Shenandoah case.

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ports, the school board had to refund individually to the county, salary paid to the wife of the school superintendent as a substitute teacher. It was ruled that the hiring violated Section 2206 of the Virginia Code, in that the person hired was a relative, within the specified degree, of the superintendent.

Mr. Emerick pointed out this week that there are exceptions to the code provision which apply in Loudoun County, where at least two school board members have members of their families

who are employed in the school system, and where the superintendent of schools also has members of his family employed in the school system.

He said that the two grandsons to the code provision who were employed before the school board member superintendent took office were expected, and employees who were employed at the time the code provision was enacted (1938) are also exempt.

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