

Act 185 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 185

SB47

By: Senator Hoofman

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE BOARD BE ELECTED BY ZONE AND A PORTION AT-LARGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) The board of directors of any school district shall have the authority to provide by resolution adopted by a majority vote that a portion of the board members shall be elected by zone, at large, or a combination thereof. A candidate for a position to be elected by zones shall reside in the zone. The names of the candidates for at-large board positions shall appear upon the ballots throughout the district.

(b) The resolution adopted by the board shall prescribe the procedure for implementing the reorganization within four (4) years after the date of the passage of the resolution.

(c) Every such resolution adopted by the board of directors of such district shall adopt a plan of election for members of the board of directors which will cause the selection procedures to be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(d) The board of directors of the school district shall cause the resolution to be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing deadline for the next regular school election after the adoption of the resolution.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal Arkansas Code 6-13-607 which requires election by zone in districts of more than 24,000 daily attendance.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: February 22, 1989

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