

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
84th General Assembly - Second Extraordinary Session, 2003  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 71**

"AN ACT TO ALLOW THE RESIDENTS OF A PORTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO  
PETITION FOR A CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND  
THE ADJOINING SCHOOL DISTRICT."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 71.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 71 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 33 and 34 and substitute the following:

“(A) Be signed by the lesser of:  
(i) Twenty-five (25) adult residents of the area to  
be moved to a different school district; or  
(ii) At least fifty percent (50%) of the adult  
residents of the area to be moved to a different school district;”

AND

Page 2, lines 1 delete “reasons that it is” and substitute “geographic features that cause it to be”

AND

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 11 and substitute the following:

“(B)(i) Proof that the petitioners have provided a copy of the public notice to the boards of directors of the affected school districts by registered mail or by certified mail with return receipt requested.

(ii) The notice to the boards of directors of the affected school districts must be made at least ten (10) days before a regularly scheduled meeting of each board of directors.

(4)(A) The petition shall be filed with the state board no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 1 in any calendar year.

(B) The petition shall not be filed with the state board until after the boards of directors of the affected school districts have been notified and have had an opportunity to discuss the proposal at a regularly scheduled board meeting.”

AND



Page 2, delete lines 15 through 19 and substitute the following:

“(c)(1) If the state board determines that due to geographic features the proposed change in boundaries is in the best interest of the students of the area, the state board may, by approval of a majority of the members of a quorum present of the state board, issue an order changing or adjusting the boundary lines between the adjoining districts.

(2) Before approving a boundary change, the state board shall also consider the financial consequences of the proposed boundary change and whether the change will result in identifiable boundaries.”

AND

Page 2 line 20 delete “(2)” and substitute “(3)”

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Madison

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Secretary