

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1621**

TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1621**

Amend House Bill No. 1621 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 22, delete "(a)(1)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 1, line 25, delete "(A)" and substitute "(i)"

AND

Page 1, line 29, delete "(B)" and substitute "(ii)"

AND

Page 1, delete line 30, and substitute the following:  
"of each year.

(B) By the first day of the filing period for a candidate in a primary election, a school district shall notify the county clerk which election date under subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) of this section it chooses to hold the annual school election."

AND

Page 3, line 26, delete "(4)(A)(i)" and substitute "(4)(A)~~(i)~~"

AND

Page 3, line 30, delete "(ii)", and substitute "~~(ii)~~(B)"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36, and substitute the following:

~~"(B) Each polling site for a school district's annual school election shall be located within the school district."~~



AND

Immediately following SECTION 2, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)-(j), concerning candidate filing procedures, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The petition, affidavit of eligibility, and the candidate's political practices pledge shall be filed with the clerk as follows: during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the annual school election.

(1) During the party filing period as set forth in § 7-7-203 for school elections held concurrently with a preferential primary election; or

(2) During a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the election for school elections held in odd years or concurrently with a general election.

(f)(1) Candidates may begin circulating petitions not earlier than ~~one hundred (100)~~ thirty (30) days before the ~~annual school election~~ filing deadline under subsection (e) of this section.

(2) A signature dated more than ~~one hundred (100)~~ thirty (30) days before the ~~school election~~ filing deadline under subsection (e) of this section shall not be counted by the clerk as a valid signature.

(g) Votes for a write-in candidate for school district director shall not be counted or tabulated unless the candidate files with the county clerk during a the one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the annual school election under subsection (e) of this section:

(1) A written notice of his or her intention to be a write-in candidate identifying the position sought, including without limitation the position number or other identifying information if applicable;

(2) An affidavit of eligibility; and

(3) The political practices pledge.

(h) The county board of election commissioners shall place on the ballot as candidates for school district director the names of any qualified registered voters whose political practices pledges and affidavits of eligibility have been filed and whose petitions have been filed with and verified by the county clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes.

(i)(1) On the day after the deadline for candidates to file for a position on the board of directors by petition, the county clerk shall certify to the board of election commissioners the names of those candidates who are registered voters in the school district and the electoral zone, if applicable, and who have qualified for the ballot by petition.

(2) Immediately after the close of the write-in filing period, the county clerk shall certify to the county board of election commissioners any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, the notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge with the county clerk.

(j) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the county board of election commissioners held not later than ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ seventy-two (72) days before the annual school election."

AND

Page 5, line 11, delete "Three (3)" and substitute "~~(3)~~ Four (4)"

AND

Immediately following SECTION 6, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 7. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE.  
This act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2018."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Clerk