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Call Item 4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1120

5 By: Representative D. Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION AND TERM OF BOARD
10 OF DIRECTORS AFTER ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL
11 DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION AND TERM
15 OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AFTER ANNEXATION
16 OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1406 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-13-1406. Board of Directors - Term - Election.

23 (a)(1) Unless the board of directors of the affected district or
24 districts and the board of directors of the receiving district or districts
25 agree otherwise, the board of directors of the receiving district or
26 districts after annexation shall be the same board of directors of the
27 receiving district prior to annexation ~~until the next regular school~~
28 ~~election.~~

29 (2) The boards of directors of the affected districts may by
30 agreement establish a new board of directors other than the current board of
31 directors of the receiving district composed of not fewer than five (5) nor
32 more than seven (7) directors except for those school districts allowed to do
33 otherwise pursuant to § 6-13-604.

34 (3) The board of directors of the receiving district created by
35 agreement shall be elected ~~from single member zones of substantially equal~~
36 ~~population based upon the most recent census information and from which~~



1 ~~racial minorities may be represented on the board in proportions reflected in~~
2 ~~the district as a whole~~ in accordance with the federal Voting Rights Act and
3 the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

4 ~~(b)(1) Unless the boards of directors of the affected districts agree~~
5 ~~otherwise, the board of directors of the resulting district after~~
6 ~~consolidation shall be composed of seven (7) members until the next regular~~
7 ~~school election.~~

8 ~~(2)(1)~~ The boards of directors of the affected districts may by
9 agreement establish a board of directors of the resulting district composed
10 of not fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7) directors except for those
11 school districts allowed to do otherwise pursuant to § 6-13-604.

12 ~~(3)(2)~~ The board of directors of the resulting district shall be
13 elected ~~from single member zones of substantially equal population based upon~~
14 ~~the most recent census information and from which racial minorities may be~~
15 ~~represented on the board in proportions reflected in the district as a whole~~
16 in accordance with the federal Voting Rights Act and the Fourteenth Amendment
17 to the United States Constitution.

18 ~~(e) The length of the term of each member of the board of directors~~
19 ~~after annexation or consolidation shall be for a time period as allowed by~~
20 ~~law.~~

21 ~~(d) At the first meeting of a new board after annexation or~~
22 ~~consolidation, the members shall determine their terms by lot so that no more~~
23 ~~than two (2) members' terms expire during any one (1) year.~~

24 ~~(e)(c)~~ Any vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner provided
25 for by law.

26 ~~(f)(d)~~ The establishment of a board of directors with an even number
27 of members following annexation or consolidation is hereby prohibited.

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