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2 84th General Assembly
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Call Item 4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 35

5 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE LARGER SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
10 VOLUNTARILY MERGE WITH SMALLER SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
11 CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM BOARD;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1405(b), concerning the effect of
24 annexation or consolidation by petition, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Upon a petition for consolidation or annexation:

26 (1) Consolidation shall be the July 1 following the order of the
27 state board directing the annexation or the consolidation, unless the state
28 board determines otherwise;

29 (2) Each board of directors of the affected districts by
30 majority approval of the members of the local board may enter into a written
31 agreement executed by the former president and secretary of each district.
32 The agreement shall prescribe the date of the annexation of the affected
33 district or districts to the receiving district or the formation of the
34 resulting district from consolidation of affected districts;

35 (3) The agreement shall also prescribe the number of members of
36 the board of directors of the resulting district as allowed by law; and



1 (4) An executed copy of the agreement shall be filed with the
2 county clerk of each county that contains territory or a portion of the
3 territory of each affected school district.

4 (5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in § 6-13-1406, the
5 boards of directors of the affected district and the receiving district may
6 establish an interim board of directors that:

7 (A) Is made up of the members of the receiving school
8 district and at least one (1) member selected by the board of directors of
9 the affected school district; and

10 (B) Shall serve until the school election in the year
11 following the effective date of the annexation or consolidation.

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