

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: S12/19/03  
**A Bill**

Call Item 4

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.  
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**Subtitle**

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17 SMALLER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CONCERNING  
18 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM BOARD.  
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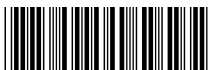
21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-1406(a), concerning annexation of*  
24 *school districts, is amended to read as follows:*

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

31 *(B)(i) In lieu of electing a new board of directors at the*  
32 *next regular school election, the board of directors of the affected district*  
33 *or districts and the board of directors of the receiving district may agree*  
34 *to form an interim board whose members shall serve until the regular school*  
35 *election in the year following the effective date of the annexation.*

36 *(ii)(a) If an interim board is formed to serve until*



1 the school election in the year following the effective date of the  
2 annexation, the interim board shall be composed of the members of the board  
3 of directors of the receiving district and at least one (1) member selected  
4 by the board of directors of each affected district.

5 (b) Each member selected from the affected  
6 district shall be determined by a vote of the affected board. In the case of  
7 a tie vote the member shall be selected by drawing lots.

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9 /s/ Madison  
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