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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2292

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6 By: Representative Dotson

7 Filed with: Interim House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

9
10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF
11 CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF
16 CORRECTIONS.

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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 § 12-27-104(a) – (c), concerning the*
22 *membership of the Board of Corrections, are amended to read as follows:*

23 *(a) The Board of Corrections shall be composed of seven (7) voting*
24 *members, to include:*

25 *(1)(A) Five (5) Four (4) citizen members, two (2) of whom shall*
26 *be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two (2) of whom*
27 *shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

28 *(B) One (1) member shall be selected from each*
29 *congressional district of the state in which he or she resides and as the*
30 *congressional district existed on January 1, 2013;*

31 *(2) The chair of the Parole Board; ~~and~~*

32 *(3) One (1) member of a criminal justice faculty who is employed*
33 *at any four-year university in Arkansas, to be appointed by the Governor;*
34 *and*

35 *(4) One (1) at-large member to be appointed by the Governor.*

36 *(b) The Board of Corrections shall elect a chair annually in*

1 *accordance with rules and regulations developed by the Board of Corrections.*

2 ~~(c)(1) All members of the Board of Corrections shall serve a term of~~
3 ~~seven (7) years~~ Members of the Board of Corrections shall serve staggered
4 terms of five (5) years, unless they resign or are removed.

5 ~~(2) Vacancies occurring before the expiration of a term shall be~~
6 ~~filled in the manner provided for members first appointed.~~

7 ~~(3)(2) Members shall serve until their replacements are~~
8 ~~appointed.~~

9 ~~(4)(3) The Governor shall appoint those members not determined~~
10 ~~by virtue of their office when vacancies occur~~ If a vacancy occurs in the
11 membership of the Board of Corrections, the officer who made the original
12 appointment shall appoint a successor who shall serve the remainder of the
13 unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeded.

14 (4) A member may be reappointed until the member has served a
15 maximum of thirteen (13) years.

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17 *SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. The process for*
18 *initial appointments to the Board of Corrections under this act is as*
19 *follows:*

20 (1) The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
21 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make the appointments
22 required under this act within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this
23 act;

24 (2) The term of each board member currently serving shall expire
25 immediately upon the taking of the oath by his or her successor appointed
26 under this act;

27 (3) A current board member:

28 (A) May be reappointed as provided in § 12-27-104, as
29 amended by this act; and

30 (B) If reappointed, shall serve the new term provided in
31 this act;

32 (4) At the first regular meeting of the newly appointed board
33 members, the term of each of the members appointed by the Speaker of the
34 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be
35 determined by a random draw with:

