

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL ELECTION LAWS TO CHANGE THE DATE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO THE THIRD TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 248 of 1959, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-301, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Effective in the year 1988 and annually thereafter, the annual school election shall be held in each school district of the State on the third Tuesday in September."

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Act 130 of 1979, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-301.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. If, between July 15 and September 15 of any year (both dates inclusive), a school district in this State suffers a substantial loss (hereby defined as a loss exceeding \$125,000) of physical facilities as a result of fire or other natural disaster and the Board of Directors of such school district determines that the proceeds of insurance on such facilities will be insufficient to restore or replace such facilities, the Board of Directors may by resolution duly adopted and with the approval of the Director of the State Department of Education, postpone the date of the annual school election in such school district for such year from the third Tuesday in September to the second Tuesday in December. Certified copies of such resolution shall be delivered, not later than the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in September to the Director of the State Department of Education and to the County School Supervisor (or Secretary of the County Board of Education if there is no County School Supervisor) and Chairman of the County Board of Election Commissioners of each County in which any of the territory of the school district is located."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of Act 319 of 1937, the same being Arkansas Statute 80-304, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The residents of each organized school district in this state, over the age of eighteen (18) years, who reside therein for thirty (30) days, and in the county six (6) months and within the State for a period of one (1) year, previous to said election, shall annually, on the third Tuesday in September, at two o'clock P.M. hold a public meeting to be designated as: 'The Annual School Meeting of the district,' and each school district, for the purpose of school elections only, shall be a political township.

Provided, however, this section shall not apply to any districts, except rural districts, as to the hours of holding said election, in all other matters other than the hours of holding elections, the same shall be binding on all districts alike."

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: April 14, 1987

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