

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1716 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 2238

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

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN
10 COURT ORDERED DESEGREGATION TO COMPLY WITH ZONING
11 REQUIREMENTS WITHIN *ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS*
12 AFTER RELEASE FROM THE COURT ORDER; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-13-631(g) is amended to read as follows:

26 (g)(1) The following school districts shall be exempt from the
27 provisions of this section:

28 (A) A school district that is currently operating under a
29 federal court order enforcing school desegregation or the federal Voting
30 Rights Act of 1965, as amended;

31 (B) A school district that is operating under a
32 preconsolidation agreement that is in compliance with the federal Voting
33 Rights Act of 1965, as amended;

34 (C) A school district that has a zoned board meeting the
35 requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and

36 (D) A school district that a federal court has ruled is not

1 in violation of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, so long as
2 the court order is in effect.

3 (2) A school district which on August 13, 1993, was in the
4 process of defending a lawsuit brought under the federal Voting Rights Act of
5 1965, as amended, shall also be exempt from the provisions of this section
6 until such time as the lawsuit has been finally resolved.

7 (3)(A) A school district released from operating under a federal
8 court order enforcing school desegregation shall comply with the provisions of
9 this section.

10 (B) The district shall use the most recent federal
11 decennial census information to create zones pursuant to this section within
12 one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the release from the court order.

13 /s/ D. Elliott

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