For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(b)(1), concerning the membership of the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) The Professional Licensure Standards Board shall consist of fifteen (15) sixteen (16) members appointed by the State Board of Education as follows:

(A) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member;

(B) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education or his or her designee, who shall serve as a nonvoting member;

(C) Four (4) public school classroom teachers with a valid Arkansas teaching license who are recommended by the Arkansas Education Association, and who teach at:

(ii) The four (4) public school classroom teachers shall represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and include classroom teachers who are licensed and teach at:

(a)(i) A licensure level of prekindergarten through grade four (preK-4) birth to kindergarten;
(b)(ii) A licensure level of kindergarten through grade six (K-6);

(iii) A licensure level of grades four through eight (4-8); and

(c)(v) A licensure level of grades seven through twelve (7-12); and

(d) Any licensure level to serve in one (1) at-large position;

(C)(1)(D)(i) Four (4) persons with valid Arkansas teaching and administrator’s licenses who represent the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas and are recommended by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators.

(ii)(a) One (1) person shall hold a P-8 building-level leader administrator’s license and serve as a middle-level building leader administrator.

(b) Two (2) persons shall be public school superintendents with valid Arkansas teaching and district-level administrator’s licenses recommended by the Arkansas Association of School Educational Administrators.

(c) One (1) person shall be a public school administrator with a valid Arkansas teaching and building-level or district-level administrator’s license recommended by the Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators;

(D)(E) One (1) nonvoting representative designated by the Department of Education from its offices of licensure and teacher quality Human Resources, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Division recommended by the commissioner;

(E)(1)(F)(i) Three (3) deans of education from Arkansas institutions of higher education recommended by the Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

(ii)(a) One (1) dean shall be from a private institution of higher education.

(b) One (1) dean shall be from a public institution of higher education.

(c) One (1) dean who has knowledge of licensure issues;
(F)(G) One (1) coordinator of educational leadership recommended by the Arkansas Professors of Educational Administration; and

(G)(H) One (1) curriculum program administrator person with a valid curriculum/program administrator's license recommended by the Arkansas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-422(c), concerning appointments to the Professional Licensure Standards Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3)(A) If the membership of the Professional Licensure Standards Board is changed by law, the affected positions will be filled as follows:

(A) When the qualifications for a sitting member's position are changed during the member's term, the member shall complete his or her term and the new qualifications shall apply at the expiration of the member's term; and

(B) If a new position on the Professional Licensure Standards Board is created, the State Board of Education shall appoint a qualified person to fill the new position as soon as practicable.

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