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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1358

5 By: Representative Ratliff
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE
10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
11 DIRECTORS; TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO OATH OF
12 OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
13 DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO
18 THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO
20 CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO OATH OF
21 OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608(c)(2), concerning length of
28 directors' terms, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) If at the expiration of the holdover term a person is not
30 elected to fill the position at the annual school election or the person
31 elected fails to receive the director's oath of office within the time
32 provided under § 6-13-617(a)(1), the position is vacant and the board shall
33 fill the vacancy as provided under § 6-13-611.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-617 is amended to read as follows:
36 6-13-617. Oath.



(a)(1) Each director elected ~~or appointed~~ for an initial or nonconsecutive term of office shall, within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the county clerk or his or her designee of his or her election or within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the county clerk or his or her designee of his or her appointment, subscribe to the following oath before an individual authorized to administer oaths under § 21-2-105:

“I, _____,
do hereby solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that I will not be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made by the district of which I am a director, except as permitted by state law and that I will faithfully discharge the duties as school director in _____
School District upon which I am about to enter.

Director’s Signature

Administrator’s Signature

Date”

(2)(A) After the oath is administered, the director shall submit a certification of the administration of the oath to the county clerk or his or her designee.

(B) The certification of the administration of the oath shall contain:

- (i) A copy of the oath;
- (ii) The director’s signature;
- (iii) The administrator’s signature; and
- (iv) The date.

