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A Bill

SENATE BILL 266

4
5 By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF
9 MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
15 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION
16 FOR PARENT COUNSEL.

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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 § 9-27-703(a)(2), concerning requirements for
22 the appointment of members to the Commission for Parent Counsel, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (a)(2) ~~At least two (2) of the members of the Commission for Parent~~
25 ~~Counsel shall be attorneys with at least ten (10) years of experience in~~
26 ~~dealing with child welfare legal matters, one (1) of whom shall be a former~~
27 ~~parent counsel, and at least one (1) member shall be a retired circuit court~~
28 ~~judge who served in the juvenile division of the circuit court~~

29 (A) One (1) of the appointments by the Governor shall be
30 an attorney with at least ten (10) years of experience in dealing with child
31 welfare legal matters.

32 (B) The appointment by the President Pro Tempore of the
33 Senate shall be an attorney with at least five (5) years of experience in
34 dealing with child welfare legal matters.

35 (C) One (1) of the appointments by the Chief Justice of
36 the Supreme Court shall be a retired circuit court judge who served in the



1 juvenile division of a circuit court.

2 (D) For each of the remaining appointments not listed in
3 subdivisions (a)(2)(A)–(a)(2)(C) of this section, it is preferable, but not
4 required, that the appointee has served in a capacity associated with child
5 welfare or has familiarity with the child welfare system.

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