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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Barnett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR A CITY OF
10 THE SECOND CLASS TO PETITION THE STATE BOARD OF
11 EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PUBLIC
12 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR SATELLITE SCHOOL UNDER CERTAIN
13 CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS TO PETITION THE
19 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE
20 ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PUBLIC
21 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR SATELLITE SCHOOL
22 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 13, Subchapter 14, is
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 6-13-1419. Establishment of public elementary school – Required
29 following certain consolidations.

30 (a) An incorporated town or a city of the second class and the parents
31 of, legal guardians of, and persons standing in loco parentis to students
32 within an affected district may file a written appeal with a receiving
33 district board of directors for the establishment of a local public
34 elementary school or satellite school associated with an affected district's
35 existing school campus, to be located within the boundaries of the
36 incorporated town or city of the second class, if the:



1 (1) Affected district included a public school that was
2 configured as an elementary school;

3 (2) Affected district is within the boundaries of the
4 incorporated town or city of the second class;

5 (3) Affected district resulted in a consolidation within the
6 last twenty (20) years from the effective date of this section; and

7 (3) Incorporated town or city of the second class has the means
8 of providing adequate school facilities.

9 (b) If a receiving school district board of directors approves the
10 written appeal of an incorporated town or a city of the second class under
11 subsection (a) of this section, the receiving school district board of
12 directors and the incorporated town or city of the second class shall jointly
13 file an appeal with the State Board of Education for the establishment of a
14 local public elementary school or satellite school associated with an
15 affected district's existing school campus, to be located within the
16 boundaries of the incorporated town or city of the second class.

17 (c)(1) A local public elementary school established in an affected
18 district under subsection (b) of this section shall be part of the receiving
19 district.

20 (2) The receiving district and the incorporated town or city of
21 the second class may enter into a written agreement for the provision of in-
22 kind contributions from the incorporated town or city of the second class to
23 the receiving district for purposes of establishing and maintaining the local
24 public elementary school or satellite school established in the affected
25 district under this section.

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