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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1242

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF
10 A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN
11 EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
16 CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY
17 DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN EXISTING
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 6-13-1501 and 6-13-1502 are amended to
24 read as follows:

25 6-13-1501. Creation of school district by detaching territory from
26 existing school district.

27 (a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly by this subchapter to
28 provide opportunities for children of this state by allowing local community
29 members the opportunity to establish and maintain public schools in a manner
30 that optimizes educational resources within a community.

31 (2) The General Assembly finds that the educational needs of the
32 students of this state shall be best served by not allowing creation of a
33 school district under this subchapter with fewer than ~~four thousand (4,000)~~
34 two thousand five hundred (2,500) students, thus ensuring adequate
35 educational opportunities for students.

36 (b) ~~A new school district may be created by detaching territory from~~



1 ~~(1) An existing school district; or~~

2 ~~(2) Two (2) or more existing contiguous school districts.~~

3 ~~(e)~~ A school district created under this subchapter shall have all the
4 rights, privileges, and responsibilities of other public school districts.

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6 6-13-1502. Minimum area and attendance requirements.

7 (a) A new school district may not be created in an area with fewer than
8 ~~four thousand (4,000)~~ two thousand five hundred (2,500) students in average
9 daily membership.

10 (b) An existing school district shall not be reduced by means of
11 detachment to an area with fewer than ~~four thousand (4,000)~~ two thousand five
12 hundred (2,500) students in average daily membership.

13 (c) A new school district to be created by detachment must only be made
14 up of students from one (1) existing school district.

15 (d) This subchapter shall apply only to school districts that:

16 (1) Had an average daily membership of at least ~~fifteen thousand~~
17 ~~(15,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) students but not more than twenty thousand
18 (20,000) students in the school year immediately preceding the detachment; or

19 (2) Encompass a total area of ~~seven hundred square miles (700 sq.~~
20 ~~mi.)~~ four hundred and fifty square miles (450 sq. mi.) or more, now or in the
21 future.

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