

Hall of the House of Representatives
90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1422

TO PROMOTE VOTER TURNOUT; AND TO AMEND THE LAW TO LIMIT THE DATES ON WHICH
CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1422

Amend House Bill No. 1422 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete line 3, and substitute the following:

"for by law.

(e) A proclamation, ordinance, resolution, or order under this section is not required to be filed for a special school election."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 26 through 36, and substitute the following:

" (a)~~(1)~~ The annual school election shall be held in each school district of the state on the ~~third Tuesday in September~~ Tuesday next after the first Monday in November.

~~(2) The annual school election shall only concern issues authorized to be on the ballot by the Arkansas Constitution or by statute, and no other issues shall appear on the ballot.~~

(b)~~(1)~~ The board of directors of any school district ~~shall have the authority to~~ may hold a school election concerning the tax rate or debt issues on a date ~~other than that fixed by law~~ under § 7-11-304 provided that:

~~(1)(A)~~ All constitutional and statutory requirements for the annual school election are met, notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~ subsection (a)~~(1)~~ of this section;

~~(2)(B)~~ The election is held before the date of the annual school election; and

~~(3)(C)~~ The Commissioner of Education approves the date of the election.

(2) The board of directors of any school district may hold an emergency school election concerning the tax rate or debt issues on a date other than that fixed by law provided that:

(A) All constitutional and statutory requirements for the annual school election are met, notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section;

(B) The election is held before the date of the annual school election;



(C) The Commissioner of Education approves the date of the election; and

(D) An emergency requires that the election be held on a date other than the dates specified under § 7-11-304.

(3) As used in this section, "emergency" means a substantial change in the interpretation of the law by the federal or Arkansas courts which if not addressed by a millage election will render the school district financially incapable of performing its lawful duties and obligations."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 5

AND

Page 3, delete lines 31 through 36, and substitute the following:

~~" (a)(1) In school elections, the school districts in the county shall reimburse the county for the cost of the election less expenses incurred for election officials at individual polling places, with each school district's share of the total being determined by multiplying the total cost of the election by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of votes cast in the specific school election and the denominator of which is the total number of votes cast in the entire election.~~

~~(2) Expenses incurred for election officials at individual polling places shall be paid by the school district in which the polling place is located.~~

(a)(1) If the school election is held in an odd-numbered year, the school district in the county shall reimburse the county for the cost of the election less the additional costs and expenses incurred for special elections not related to the school district.

(2) If the school election is held in an even-numbered year, the school district in the county shall reimburse the county an amount equal to the amount the school district reimbursed the county for the last contested school election in an odd-numbered year."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 1 through 6

AND

Page 11, delete line 10, and substitute the following:

"filed under § 7-11-304.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2017."

The Amendment was read

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The Amendment was read

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