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A Bill

SENATE BILL 253

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF
10 DIRECTORS OF A REGIONAL WATER DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF
15 DIRECTORS OF A REGIONAL WATER
16 DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-116-301, concerning appointment of the
23 board of directors of a water district, is amended to add an additional
24 subsection to read as follows:

25 (c) In a district that primarily provides water for agricultural
26 irrigation, an individual is eligible to be a director if the individual is a
27 property owner in the water district.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-116-302 is amended to read as follows:
30 14-116-302. Members – Terms.

31 (a)(1) Each director on the board of directors of a water district
32 shall serve ~~for~~ a term of six (6) years and until his or her successor is
33 duly elected and qualified, except that one (1) of the original directors
34 from each county shall serve ~~for~~ a term of not more than two (2) years, one
35 (1) for a term of not more than four (4) years, and one (1) for a term of not
36 more than six (6) years as determined by the ~~courts~~ circuit court. ~~However,~~



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2 (2)(A) The circuit court finds may find at any time that it is
3 necessary or desirable that the membership of the board be composed of or
4 increased of directors of the water district increase or decrease to a
5 ~~greater~~ number other than three (3) for each county represented in the water
6 district in order to provide proper representation to the various parts of
7 the water district, ~~the additional member or members of the enlarged board~~
8 ~~appointed by.~~

9 (B) In modifying the number of directors under subdivision
10 (a)(2)(A) of this section, the circuit court shall be appointed for adjust
11 the terms of office that the court deems as necessary to properly provide for
12 staggered terms for the ~~members of the board~~ directors representing each part
13 of the water district.

14 (b) The term of office of the directors shall expire on December 31 of
15 ~~the year that constitutes~~ the last year of the term of each director.

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