

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021  
4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 619

5 By: Senator J. English  
6

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF  
9 DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF  
10 A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE  
11 DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
12 OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
14  
15

## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER  
17 OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS;  
18 AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH AN  
19 ELECTION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF  
20 DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD IN CERTAIN  
21 CIRCUMSTANCES.  
22  
23  
24

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
26

27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608(a), concerning the term of office  
28 of a school district board of directors, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) All members of a school district board of directors shall be  
30 elected to a term of office of not less than three (3) years nor more than  
31 five (5) years in length and with the expiration of such terms so arranged  
32 each four-year term to be arranged so that, as nearly as possible, an equal  
33 number of positions are filled in each year school board election.  
34

35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608, concerning the term of office of  
36 a school district board of directors, is amended to add an additional



1 subsection to read as follows:

2 (d)(1) If an entire school district board of directors is elected  
3 during the same school board election, the members of the school district  
4 board of directors who are elected during the same school board election  
5 shall be elected on the date of the:

6 (A) Preferential primary election; or

7 (B) General election.

8 (2) The members of a school district board of directors who are  
9 elected during the same school board election as described by subdivision  
10 (d)(1) of this section shall initially draw lots for two-year or four-year  
11 terms so that, as nearly as possible, an equal number of positions are filled  
12 in each subsequent school board election.

13  
14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-13-631(d)(2)(A), concerning the length of  
15 the term of a school board director in a school district that has a ten  
16 percent (10%) or greater minority population out of the total population, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (2)(A) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a  
19 member of a school district board of directors shall serve a ~~five-year~~:

20 (i) Four-year term; or

21 (ii) Five-year term.

22  
23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102, concerning the date of a special  
24 school election, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as  
25 follows:

26 (d) The election of a school district board of directors not elected  
27 entirely during the same election may be held in each public school district  
28 of this state on the date of the:

29 (1) Preferential primary election;

30 (2) General election; or

31 (3) Annual school election.

32  
33  
34  
35  
36