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2 94th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 276

5 By: Senators K. Hammer, Dees, M. McKee, J. Petty, Stone
6 By: Representatives Painter, Wing, Achor, Andrews, Barker, Beaty Jr., Beck, Bentley, M. Berry, Breaux,
7 Brooks, K. Brown, M. Brown, Burkes, Joey Carr, C. Cooper, Cozart, Evans, C. Fite, L. Fite, Fortner,
8 Furman, Gazaway, Gonzales, Gramlich, Haak, Hawk, Hollowell, Jean, Ladyman, Long, Lundstrum,
9 Lynch, McAlindon, McClure, McCollum, M. McElroy, McGrew, B. McKenzie, McNair, S. Meeks,
10 Miller, Milligan, K. Moore, Pilkington, Puryear, R. Scott Richardson, Richmond, Rose, Rye, Tosh,
11 Underwood, Vaught, Womack, Wooten

For An Act To Be Entitled

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13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD FOR A
14 POSITION ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO
15 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 A POSITION ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
21 DIRECTORS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)(1)(B), concerning candidate
28 filing procedures for school board elections, is amended to read as follows:

29 (B) During a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90)
30 days before a ~~general~~ school election held in November.

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32 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that confusion exists concerning the
34 candidate filing periods for a position on a school board of directors at
35 school elections held in November in odd-numbered years; that this act will
36 clarify the appropriate filing period for November elections in odd-numbered



1 years to coincide with the one-week period ending ninety (90) days before a
2 November election in even-numbered years; and that this act is immediately
3 necessary to bring certainty to the candidate filing requirements for
4 upcoming school elections and provide clarity to candidates for school board
5 positions. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being
6 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
7 safety shall become effective on:

8 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

9 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
10 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
11 bill; or

12 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
13 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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