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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1724

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION
OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1724

Amend House Bill 1724 as engrossed H3/19/25 (version: 3/19/25 02:34:15 PM):

Page 2, line 2, delete "annual school election" and substitute " ~~annual~~
school board election"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "combined at-large" and substitute "combined at-large
and zoned"

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "or"

AND

Page 2, delete line 14, and substitute the following:

"(D) Has boundary or zone changes as a result of
annexation, consolidation, or reconstruction;

(E) Has fallen below the average daily membership
requirement under § 6-13-634(a); or

(F) Is no longer operating under a court ordered exemption
to § 6-13-634(b)."



AND

Page 2, delete lines 24 and 25, and substitute the following:

"(3) Initially, terms for members elected in 2025 shall expire:
(A) For school boards adopting four-year terms in 2028; or
(B) For school boards adopting six-year terms in 2030."

AND

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-611(e), concerning vacancies generally of a school district board of directors, is amended to read as follows:

(e)~~(1)~~ An appointed director, except a director appointed to fill a vacancy under § 6-13-613, shall serve only until his or her elected successor subscribes to the director's oath of office under § 6-13-617 to the next annual school election, at which time the electors shall select in the usual manner directors to serve the unexpired terms of the vacating directors.

~~(2) If there is not an individual who has filed as a candidate to serve an unexpired term of a vacating director, the position shall be:~~

~~(A) Deemed vacant; and~~

~~(B) Filled in accordance with this section."~~

AND

Immediately following SECTION 4, insert the following:

"SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(B), concerning the annual school election date, is repealed.

~~(B)(i) A school district shall adopt a policy setting forth which election date under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section the school district chooses to hold the annual school election upon.~~

~~(ii) At least one hundred (100) days before the first day of the respective candidate filing period set forth in § 6-14-111(e)(1)(A), a school district shall provide a copy of the policy under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section to:~~

~~(a) The county board of election commissioners of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes; and~~

~~(b) The county clerk of each county within the school district's boundaries.~~

~~(iii) If a school district fails to timely provide a copy of its most current policy to the county board of election commissioners and county clerks in accordance with subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, the school district shall be required to hold the school district's annual school election in accordance with the most recent policy the school district has provided to the county board of election commissioners and county clerks."~~

AND

Page 4, delete line 27, and substitute the following:

~~"(b) Second~~ first Tuesday in May after the first Monday in March."

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "3:00 pm" and substitute "12:00 noon"

AND

Page 6, line 15, delete "3:00 pm" and substitute "12:00 noon"

AND

Immediately following SECTION 6 of the bill, insert the following:

"SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-14-121(a)(1), concerning runoff elections, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Whenever there are more than two (2) candidates for election to any position on a board of directors at any election held in this state and whenever no candidate for any school district position receives a majority of the votes cast for the office or whenever there is a tie vote,

there shall be a runoff election held in the school district.

(B) In the event of a runoff election, the current member of the position for which there is a runoff election shall serve as a holdover until the person elected in the runoff election receives certification of the administration of the oath under § 6-13-617."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. English

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