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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Barclay

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-14-102 AND 6-14-103 TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-14-107 TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING SO THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-14-102 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) Beginning in 1990, the annual school election shall be held in each school district of the state on the second Tuesday in March. In 1989 the annual school election shall be held in each school district of the state on the third Tuesday in September."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-14-103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-14-103. Postponement of election due to natural disaster.

(a) If between January 1 and March 1 of any year on or after 1990, both dates inclusive, a school district in this state suffers a substantial loss, defined as a loss exceeding one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), of physical facilities as a result of fire or other natural disaster and the board of directors of the school district determines that the proceeds of insurance on those facilities will be insufficient to restore or replace the facilities, the board of directors may, by resolution duly adopted and with the approval of the Director of the Department of Education, Division of General Education postpone the date of the annual school election in that school district for such year from March to the second Tuesday in June.

(b) If between July 15 and September 15 of 1989, both dates inclusive, a school district in this state suffers a substantial loss, defined as a loss

exceeding one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), of physical facilities as a result of fire or other natural disaster and the board of directors of the school district determines that the proceeds of insurance on those facilities will be insufficient to restore or replace the facilities, the board of directors may, by resolution duly adopted and with the approval of the Director of the Department of Education, Division of General Education postpone the date of the annual school election in that school district for such year from the third Tuesday in September to the second Tuesday in December.

(c) Certified copies of the resolution shall be delivered not later than the Monday next preceding the third Tuesday in September to the Director of the Department of Education, Division of General Education and to the county school supervisor, or secretary of the county board of education if there is no county school supervisor, and chairman of the county board of election commissioners of each county in which any of the territory of the school district is located."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-14-107 is hereby amended to read as follows:

" 6-14-107. Annual school meeting of district.

(a) Beginning in 1990, the residents of each organized school district in this state, over the age of eighteen (18) years, who reside in the school district for thirty (30) days, in the county six (6) months, and in the state for a period of one (1) year prior to the election shall annually, on the second Tuesday in March, at 2:00 p.m. hold a public meeting to be designated as the annual school meeting of the district. Each school district, for the purpose of school elections only, shall be a political township.

(b) In 1989 the residents of each organized school district in this state, over the age of eighteen (18) years, who reside in the school district for thirty (30) days, in the county six (6) months, and in the state for a period of one (1) year prior to the election shall annually, on the third Tuesday in September, at 2:00 p.m. hold a public meeting to be designated as the annual school meeting of the district. Each school district, for the purpose of school elections only, shall be a political township.

(c) However, this section shall not apply to any districts, except rural districts, as to the hours of holding the election. In all other matters other than the hours of holding elections, this section shall be binding on

all districts alike."

SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.