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A Bill

SENATE BILL 701

4 By: Senators Jeffries and Boozman
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE
9 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
10 AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS FROM THE STATE AT LARGE;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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14 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM
15 EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND
16 APPOINTMENT OF TWO AT LARGE MEMBERS."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) On and after January 1, 1997, the State Board of
22 Education shall be composed of two (2) members to be elected from each
23 congressional district of the state and two (2) members to be appointed at
24 large by the Governor to ensure that the membership of the board is
25 reflective of the racial diversity of the state of Arkansas.

26 (b) The term of office of a member of the State Board of Education
27 shall be four (4) years. No member shall serve more than two (2) terms or
28 more than a total of ten (10) years.

29 (c)(1) No person may serve as a member of the board unless he is a
30 qualified elector and is a person of high moral standards and recognized
31 ability.

32 (2) No holder of a public office in the state, school teacher,
33 the Director of General Education, the Director of Vocational Education,
34 district superintendent, state-supported college teacher or administrator,
35 nor member of any board of trustees of any state institution of higher

1 learning shall be elected or appointed to serve as a member of the State
2 Board of Education.

3 (d) Beginning with the 1996 general election, those members of the
4 State Board who are elected shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis, with the
5 terms of office of elected and appointed members beginning on January 1 of
6 the year following the general election.

7 (e) At the initial meeting of the State Board of Education as
8 constituted under this act, the members shall elect a chairman from among
9 themselves and elected members shall establish terms by lot so that no more
10 than five (5) of their positions will be filled at each general election
11 thereafter.

12 (f) The members of the State Board of Education shall take the oath of
13 office prescribed by the Constitution for officers.

14 (g) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board, the Governor
15 shall appoint a successor who will serve the unexpired term of the person
16 succeeded, subject to all other provisions of this act.

17 (h) Resignation, removal from the district from which he is elected,
18 disqualification, incapacitation from mental or physical disability or
19 otherwise, or change in status from the eligibility requirements for
20 membership on the board shall automatically create a vacancy in the
21 membership held by a member of the board, and no such member shall thereafter
22 exercise any of the functions of membership on the board even though his
23 successor has not been appointed.

24 (i) *The board may, by a majority vote of the total membership of the*
25 *board, cast at its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year,*
26 *authorize expense reimbursement for board members performing official duties*
27 *of the board and such expense reimbursement shall not exceed the rate*
28 *established for state employees in the state travel regulations. The board*
29 *may, by a majority vote of the total membership of the board cast during its*
30 *first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year, authorize payment of*
31 *a stipend to its members. The stipend shall not exceed seventy-five dollars*
32 *(\$75.00) per meeting attended, and the board members shall receive no other*
33 *compensation, expense reimbursement, or in lieu payments except as provided*
34 *in this section.*

35 (j) The Director of the General Education Division and the Director of

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