

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 754

5 By: Senator Bisbee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO HAVE  
10 DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION FOR LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS  
11 WHEN DIVISION INTO WOULD NOT CREATE A VOTING ZONE  
12 WITH TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OR GREATER POPULATION  
13 IN ANY ONE (1) RACIAL MINORITY; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 HAVE DISTRICT WIDE ELECTION FOR LOCAL  
18 BOARD MEMBERS WHEN DIVISION INTO WOULD  
19 NOT CREATE A VOTING ZONE WITH TWENTY  
20 PERCENT (20%) OR GREATER POPULATION IN  
21 ANY ONE (1) RACIAL MINORITY.  
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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 6-61-529(c)(1) is amended to read as follows:  
28 6-61-529. Local boards - Appointment or election of members.

29 (c)(1) ~~†~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the  
30 local community college board chooses to remain an elected board, beginning  
31 with the 1996 general election, the qualified electors of a community college  
32 district having a ten percent (10%) or greater population in any one (1)  
33 racial minority, as reported by the most recent federal decennial census  
34 information, shall elect the members of the local board as follows, utilizing  
35 selection procedures in compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act of  
36 1965, as amended:

1 (A) At least ninety (90) days before the election, the  
2 local board shall, with approval of the county board of election  
3 commissioners of any county in which the community college is located, divide  
4 the district into nine (9) zones, or the local board may, by resolution,  
5 utilize existing quorum court districts. Zones shall have substantially equal  
6 population, with boundaries based on the most recent available federal  
7 decennial census information;

8 (B) A candidate for election from a zone or a quorum court  
9 district must be a qualified elector and a resident of the zone or district.

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-61-529 is amended to add an additional  
13 subsection to read as follows:

14 (d) If division into zones for election purposes would not create a  
15 voting zone with twenty percent (20%) or greater population in any one (1)  
16 racial minority, the district shall be exempt from subsection (c) of this  
17 section.

18 /s/ Bisbee  
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