State of Arkansas
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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1889

By: Representative Slinkard

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to amend arkansas law concerning certain ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL BOARDS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle<br>TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL BOARDS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-61-520(b), concerning elections for the local boards of community colleges, is amended to read as follows:
(b) (1) All members shall be elected for terms of six (6) years by the qualified electors of the community college district at the general election immediately preceding the expiration of the expiring terms, and the newly elected members shall take office on January 1 next following the date of their election.
(2) (A) However, the election shall be held at the annual school election if the community college district is composed solely of one (1) or more entire school districts, other than any portion of the school district that is in another county, and whose boundary is contiguous with that portion of the school district that is located in the county in which the community college is located.
(B) (i) For elections held at the annual school election under subdivision (b) (2) (A) of this section, if no more than one (1) person files as a candidate for membership on the local board, the local board, by

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resolution, may request that the county board of election commissioners
open no polling places on election day so that the election shall be
conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only.
    (ii) If an election held at the annual school
election under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section is conducted by absentee
ballot and early voting only, the local board of the community college shall
reimburse the county for the cost of conducting the election by absentee
ballot and early voting. The community college shall pay the expenses of the
election out of its general operation funds under § 6-61-601.
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