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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE HELD ON
11 THE SAME DATE AS GENERAL ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE TERM
12 OF SERVICE FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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16 **Subtitle**

17 *TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS ARE HELD*
18 *ON THE SAME DATE AS GENERAL ELECTIONS AND*
19 *AMEND THE TERM FOR A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.*
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-617 is amended to read as follows:
25 6-13-617. Oath -- Term of office.

26 (a) Each director elected or appointed shall, ~~within ten (10) days~~
27 ~~after receiving notice of his or her election or appointment,~~ subscribe to
28 the following oath:

29 "I, _____, do hereby solemnly swear or
30 affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the
31 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that I will not be interested,
32 directly or indirectly, in any contract made by the district of which I am a
33 director, except as permitted by state law and that I will faithfully
34 discharge the duties as school director in

35 _____ School District, No.
36 _____ of



1 _____ County, Arkansas, upon which I am
2 about to enter.”

3 (b) The person shall take the oath under subsection (a) of this
4 section:

5 (1) Within ten (10) days after receiving notice of his or her:

6 (A) Election in an annual school election held in
7 September under § 6-14-102(a)(1);

8 (B) Election in a special election; or

9 (C) Appointment; or

10 (2) On or after January 1 but not later than January 10 of the
11 year following the year in which the person was elected in an annual school
12 election held in November under § 6-14-102(a)(2).

13 ~~(b)~~(c) The county clerk, upon receipt of the oath prescribed for a
14 director, ~~shall immediately~~ immediately shall commission such persons, ~~and~~
15 ~~they~~ the person, and the person shall enter at once upon ~~their~~ his or her
16 duties as ~~directors~~ a director.

17 (d) The term of office of a director shall begin on the later of:

18 (A) January 1 following the director’s election in an
19 annual school election held under § 6-14-102(a)(2); or

20 (B) Upon taking the oath of office under this section.

21 (e) A director shall hold his or her office for the term prescribed by
22 the law and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualified.

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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-618(a), concerning the organizational
25 meeting of a school district board of directors, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (a)(1) At the first regular meeting following the annual school
28 election, the board of directors of each school district shall organize by
29 electing:

30 ~~(1)~~(A) One (1) of their number president;

31 ~~(2)~~(B) One (1) of their number vice president; and

32 ~~(3)~~(C) A secretary who may be, but need not be, a member
33 of the board of directors.

34 (2) If the annual school election is held under § 6-14-
35 102(a)(2), this subsection applies to the first regular meeting held after
36 January 1.

