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SENATE BILL 894

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO *PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE CHOICE OF*
11 *HOLDING SCHOOL ELECTIONS ON THE SAME DATE AS GENERAL*
12 *ELECTIONS OR ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER; TO*
13 *AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE TERM*
14 *OF SERVICE FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER*
15 *PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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19 *TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE CHOICE OF*
20 *HOLDING SCHOOL ELECTIONS ON THE SAME DATE*
21 *AS GENERAL ELECTIONS OR IN SEPTEMBER; TO*
22 *AMEND RELATED PROVISIONS OF LAW*
23 *CONCERNING THE TERM OF SERVICE FOR SCHOOL*
24 *BOARD MEMBERS.*
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-617 is amended to read as follows:
30 6-13-617. Oath -- Term of office.

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

34 "I, _____, do hereby solemnly swear or
35 affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the
36 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that I will not be interested,



1 directly or indirectly, in any contract made by the district of which I am a
 2 director, except as permitted by state law and that I will faithfully
 3 discharge the duties as school director in
 4 _____ School District, No.
 5 _____ of
 6 _____ County, Arkansas, upon which I am
 7 about to enter.”

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

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

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

13 (B) Election in a special election; or

14 (C) Appointment; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

