1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H4/10/13		
2	89th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2013		SENATE BILL 590	
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5	By: Senator Files			
6	By: Representative C. Douglas			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT CONCERNING VENUE IN CASES INVOLVING PUBLIC			
10	SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR			
11	OTHER PURPOSES.			
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14		Subtitle		
15	CONC	CERNING VENUE IN CASES INVOLVING		
16	PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE			
17	AN E	EMERGENCY.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Ark	cansas Code § 16-55-213(a), concern	ing venue for certain	
23	lawsuits, is amended to read as follows:			
24		actions other than those mentioned		
25		6-60-114, and 16-60-115, and 16-60-		
26	of this section must	be brought in any of the following	counties:	
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28		ansas Code Title 16, Chapter 60, S	ubchapter l, is	
29		section to read as follows:		
30		ions against a public school distr		
31		er than an action described in § 16		
32	112, against a public school district, a public school district board of			
33		directors, or a public school district's officer, agent, servant, or employee		
34 25	acting within the course and scope of his or her agency or employment shall			
35	_	unty or in the judicial district of	-	
36	the public school dis	strict is situated or has its princ	ipai office.	

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2	SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the			
3	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school district litigation is			
4	a complex and costly endeavor; that a new venue statute would resolve many			
5	issues regarding where a lawsuit should be brought; and that this act is			
6	immediately necessary because future litigants are currently relying on venue			
7	statutes that would require litigation in an inconvenient forum. Therefore,			
8	an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary			
9	for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become			
10	effective on:			
11	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;			
12	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,			
13	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the			
14	bill; or			
15	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is			
16	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.			
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