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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1173

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND  
10 SECONDARY EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE REQUIRED  
11 QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON APPOINTED AS THE  
12 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE  
13 COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
19 A PERSON APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE  
21 COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
22 EDUCATION.  
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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 § 6-11-102(c)(1), concerning the  
28 qualifications of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, is  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (c)(1) The person selected as the commissioner shall:

31 (A) Be a person of good moral character, recognized as a  
32 leader in the field of education, and qualified technically and by experience  
33 to direct the work of the division; ~~and~~

34 (B) ~~Unless a deputy commissioner meets the requirements of~~  
35 ~~this subdivision (c)(1)(B), a person selected as commissioner shall:~~

36 ~~(i)~~ Hold a master's degree from an accredited



1 institution;

2 ~~(ii)~~(C) Have had ten (10) years' experience as a  
 3 teacher, five (5) of which must be of an administrative or supervisory  
 4 nature; and

5 ~~(iii)~~(D) Hold a valid state teacher's license.  
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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-11-102, concerning the Commissioner of  
 8 Elementary and Secondary Education, is amended to add an additional  
 9 subsection to read as follows:

10 (g)(1) The person selected as the secretary shall:

11 (A) Be a person of good moral character, recognized as a  
 12 leader in the field of education, and qualified technically and by experience  
 13 to direct the work of the division;

14 (B) Hold a master's degree from an accredited institution;

15 (C) Have had ten (10) years' experience as a teacher, five  
 16 (5) years of which must be of an administrative or supervisory nature; and

17 (D) Hold a valid state teacher's license.

18 (2) No person who is related within the fourth degree of  
 19 consanguinity or affinity to any member of the state board shall be eligible  
 20 to serve as secretary.

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