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A Bill

SENATE BILL 227

5 By: Senator Rapert
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPECTIVE DUTIES OF THE PAROLE
9 BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND THE
10 SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS;
11 CONCERNING THE VOTE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAROLE BOARD
12 TO ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE RESPECTIVE DUTIES OF THE
16 PAROLE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 CORRECTIONS, AND THE SECRETARY OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND
19 CONCERNING THE VOTE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
20 PAROLE BOARD TO ACT.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-93-201(d), concerning the votes required
27 for an act by the Parole Board, is amended to read as follows:

28 (d)~~(1)~~ Four (4) members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the
29 purpose of holding an official meeting-

30 ~~(2) However, and~~ the affirmative vote of at least ~~five (5)~~ four
31 (4) of the members of the board is required for any action by the board.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-93-201, concerning the creation,
34 members, and qualifications and training required for members of the Parole
35 Board, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

36 (f)(1) When exercising his or her duties with regards to the board,



1 the chair shall work in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of
2 Corrections.

3 (2)(A) As used in this subsection, “consultation” means
4 coordination with and receiving input, review, and recommendations from the
5 Secretary of the Department of Corrections.

6 (B) “Consultation” does not include approval or consent of
7 the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, except that the Secretary of
8 the Department of Corrections shall review and approve any legislative
9 proposals initiated by or on behalf of the board.

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