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A Bill

SENATE BILL 233

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-106(d), concerning publication of notice for school elections, is repealed.

~~(d)(1) The board of directors of each school district shall cause to be published, by at least one (1) insertion in a newspaper with general circulation in the county or counties in which the school district is located, not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days before any school election, a notice identifying the polling site for each ward or precinct.~~

~~(2) If the polling site for any ward or precinct has changed since the last school election, the notice shall indicate the change.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-14-109 is amended to read as follows:
6-14-109. Notice of elections.

~~(a)(1) If the school election is held on a date on which no other elections are held, the board of directors of each school district shall give notice by advertisement one (1) time a week for three (3) weeks before each~~



~~election to be held within the school district, setting out the time, place, and questions to be submitted to the electors at the election.~~

~~(2) The advertisement provided for shall begin at least twenty (20) days before the date of the school election and shall be in a newspaper either published in or having a bona fide circulation in the county or counties in which the school district is administered.~~

~~(3) The provision for notice of school elections under this subsection shall be the sole requirement for the publication of the notice.~~

~~(b)(1) If the school election is held on a date on which other elections are held, the county board of election commissioners shall publish notice in the manner provided by § 7-5-206.~~

~~(2) Notice under this subsection shall include without limitation the time, place, and any questions to be submitted to the electors at the election.~~

(a) The county board of election commissioners shall give notice of all school elections under § 7-5-202.

(b) If a school election for a school district that includes more than one county is conducted by the county board of election commissioners for the domicile county and no county board of election commissioners for a nondomicile county, the notice of election shall be published in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in each of the counties in which the district has territory.

(c) The county board of election commissioners shall publish notice of an issue to be placed on the ballot in the manner provided under § 7-5-206.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(a)(1), concerning public notice of elections, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) It shall be the duty of the county board of election commissioners at least twenty (20) days before each preferential primary and general election and at least ten (10) days before the holding of each general primary, general runoff, school, or special election to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of:

- (A) The date of the election;
- (B) The hours of voting on election day;
- (C) The places and times for early voting;
- (D) Polling sites for holding the elections in the county;

- (E) The candidates and offices to be elected at that time;
- (F) The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots; and
- (G) The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.

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