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A Bill

SENATE BILL 235

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO ACT AS ELECTION
OFFICIALS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION
ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO ACT AS
ELECTION OFFICIALS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-106(e) and (f), concerning qualifications of poll workers in school elections, are amended to read as follows:

~~(e)(1) In addition to any other qualification under Arkansas law regarding members of the county board of election commissioners, a member of the county board of election commissioners who is a paid employee of any school district holding the election in the county shall be disqualified from participating as a member of the county board of election commissioners in any matter concerning the school election.~~

~~(2) In the event of a disqualification under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, the disqualified member shall notify the chair of the county committee of the affected party of the disqualification no later than sixty (60) days before the school election, or if the disqualified member is the county chair, the notice shall be provided to the chair of the state committee of the affected party.~~



~~(3) The chair of the county committee of the party affected by disqualification of a member of the county board of election commissioners shall appoint a qualified person to replace the disqualified member for the school election, or if the disqualified member is the county chair, the state chair of the affected party shall appoint a qualified person to replace the disqualified member for the school election.~~

~~(f)(1) The county board of election commissioners of the domicile county shall appoint one (1) election judge and one (1) election sheriff for each polling site and as many additional election clerks as are necessary for the efficient administration of elections at each polling site.~~

~~(2) In addition to any other qualification under Arkansas law regarding poll workers, a poll worker at a school election shall not be a paid employee of the school district holding the election.~~

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