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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 276

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD FOR A POSITION ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD FOR A POSITION ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)(1)(B), concerning candidate filing procedures for school board elections, is amended to read as follows:

(B) During a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before a ~~general~~ school election held in November.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that confusion exists concerning the candidate filing periods for a position on a school board of directors at school elections held in November in odd-numbered years; that this act will clarify the appropriate filing period for November elections in odd-numbered



years to coincide with the one-week period ending ninety (90) days before a November election in even-numbered years; and that this act is immediately necessary to bring certainty to the candidate filing requirements for upcoming school elections and provide clarity to candidates for school board positions. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

**APPROVED: 3/13/23**