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A Bill

SENATE BILL 266

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION FOR PARENT COUNSEL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-703(a)(2), concerning requirements for the appointment of members to the Commission for Parent Counsel, is amended to read as follows:

~~(a)(2) At least two (2) of the members of the Commission for Parent Counsel shall be attorneys with at least ten (10) years of experience in dealing with child welfare legal matters, one (1) of whom shall be a former parent counsel, and at least one (1) member shall be a retired circuit court judge who served in the juvenile division of the circuit court~~

(A) One (1) of the appointments by the Governor shall be an attorney with at least ten (10) years of experience in dealing with child welfare legal matters.

(B) The appointment by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be an attorney with at least five (5) years of experience in dealing with child welfare legal matters.

(C) One (1) of the appointments by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be a retired circuit court judge who served in the



juvenile division of a circuit court.

(D) For each of the remaining appointments not listed in subdivisions (a)(2)(A)–(a)(2)(C) of this section, it is preferable, but not required, that the appointee has served in a capacity associated with child welfare or has familiarity with the child welfare system.

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