

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb627.

deleting lines 6 through 24 on page 2 and substituting therefor:

"amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

'(j) (1) In addition to all other requirements of this section:

(A) One (1) member of the board shall be a person who is legally blind;

(B) Appointments shall be made so that no more than two (2) members of the board shall reside in the same congressional district; and

(C) The racial make-up of the board should reflect the racial population of the schools as accurately as possible."

(2) The provisions of this subsection (j) shall apply to board positions expiring after July 1, 1997."

AND

by deleting lines 36 on page 1 and lines 1 through 3 on page 3 and substituting therefor:

"regular date for the monthly meeting. Board meetings shall be held at times convenient for the public to attend. The board should consider evening or Saturday meetings."

AND

by deleting lines 8 through 34 of page 3 and substituting therefor the following:

"(a) (1) All members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf should receive a minimum of six (6) hours of training and instruction in the school laws of this state and in the laws governing the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board.

(2) The instruction shall be sponsored by the Department of Education in cooperation with the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf. All or a part of the instruction may be provided in conjunction with the instruction required for school board members under Arkansas Code 6-13-629.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf is authorized to pay necessary expenses and to reimburse board members for expenses incurred in attending in-service workshops, conferences, and other courses of training and instruction necessary to complete the training and instruction provided for by this section. Expense reimbursement shall be made in accordance with 25-16-901 et seq."