

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2292

By: Representative Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF
CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF
CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(a) – (c), concerning the membership of the Board of Corrections, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Board of Corrections shall be composed of seven (7) voting members, to include:

(1)(A) Five (5) Four (4) citizen members, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) One (1) member shall be selected from each congressional district of the state in which he or she resides and as the congressional district existed on January 1, 2013;

(2) The chair of the Parole Board; ~~and~~

(3) One (1) member of a criminal justice faculty who is employed at any four-year university in Arkansas, to be appointed by the Governor;
and

(4) One (1) at-large member to be appointed by the Governor.

(b) The Board of Corrections shall elect a chair annually in accordance with rules and regulations developed by the Board of Corrections.

(c)(1) ~~All members of the Board of Corrections shall serve a term of~~



~~seven (7) years~~ Members of the Board of Corrections shall serve staggered terms of five (5) years, unless they resign or are removed.

~~(2) Vacancies occurring before the expiration of a term shall be filled in the manner provided for members first appointed.~~

~~(3)~~ (2) Members shall serve until their replacements are appointed.

~~(4)~~ (3) The Governor shall appoint those members not determined by virtue of their office when vacancies occur If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Corrections, the officer who made the original appointment shall appoint a successor who shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeded.

(4) A member may be reappointed until the member has served a maximum of thirteen (13) years.

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. The process for initial appointments to the Board of Corrections under this act is as follows:

(1) The Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make the appointments required under this act within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act;

(2) The term of each board member currently serving shall expire immediately upon the taking of the oath by his or her successor appointed under this act;

(3) A current board member:

(A) May be reappointed as provided in § 12-27-104, as amended by this act; and

(B) If reappointed, shall serve the new term provided in this act;

(4) At the first regular meeting of the newly appointed board members, the term of each of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be determined by a random draw with:

(A) One (1) member serving an initial term of one (2) years;

(B) One (1) member serving an initial term of three (3)

years;

(C) Two (2) members serving initial terms of four (4)

years; and

(5) The persons appointed by the Governor shall serve initial terms of five (5) years.

/s/Dotson