

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1242

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF
A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN
EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY
DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN EXISTING
SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 6-13-1501 and 6-13-1502 are amended to read as follows:

6-13-1501. Creation of school district by detaching territory from existing school district.

(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly by this subchapter to provide opportunities for children of this state by allowing local community members the opportunity to establish and maintain public schools in a manner that optimizes educational resources within a community.

(2) The General Assembly finds that the educational needs of the students of this state shall be best served by not allowing creation of a school district under this subchapter with fewer than ~~four thousand (4,000)~~ two thousand five hundred (2,500) students, thus ensuring adequate educational opportunities for students.

(b) ~~A new school district may be created by detaching territory from~~



~~(1) An existing school district; or~~

~~(2) Two (2) or more existing contiguous school districts.~~

~~(e)~~ A school district created under this subchapter shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of other public school districts.

6-13-1502. Minimum area and attendance requirements.

(a) A new school district may not be created in an area with fewer than ~~four thousand (4,000)~~ two thousand five hundred (2,500) students in average daily membership.

(b) An existing school district shall not be reduced by means of detachment to an area with fewer than ~~four thousand (4,000)~~ two thousand five hundred (2,500) students in average daily membership.

(c) A new school district to be created by detachment must only be made up of students from one (1) existing school district.

(d) This subchapter shall apply only to school districts that:

(1) Had an average daily membership of at least ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) students but not more than twenty thousand (20,000) students in the school year immediately preceding the detachment; or

(2) Encompass a total area of ~~seven hundred square miles (700 sq. mi.)~~ four hundred and fifty square miles (450 sq. mi.) or more, now or in the future.