

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

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 253

By: Senator J. Dismang  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF A REGIONAL WATER DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF A REGIONAL WATER  
DISTRIBUTION DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-116-301, concerning appointment of the board of directors of a water district, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) In a district that does not provide potable water, an individual is eligible to be a director if the individual is a property owner in the water district.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-116-302 is amended to read as follows:  
14-116-302. Members – Terms.

(a)(1) Each director on the board of directors of a water district shall serve ~~for~~ a term of six (6) years and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified, except that one (1) of the original directors from each county shall serve ~~for~~ a term of not more than two (2) years, one (1) for a term of not more than four (4) years, and one (1) for a term of not more than six (6) years as determined by the ~~courts~~ circuit court. ~~However,~~



~~if the~~

(2)(A) The circuit court finds may find at any time that it is necessary or desirable that the membership of the board be composed of or increased of directors of the water district increase, or in the case of a water district that includes less than the entirety of a county, decrease to a ~~greater~~ other than three (3) for each county represented in the water district in order to provide proper representation to the various parts of the water district, ~~the additional member or members of the enlarged board appointed by.~~

(B) In modifying the number of directors under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, the circuit court shall be appointed for adjust the terms of office ~~that the court deems~~ as necessary to properly provide for staggered terms for the ~~members of the board~~ directors representing each part of the water district.

(b) The term of office of the directors shall expire on December 31 of ~~the year that constitutes~~ the last year of the term of each director.

*/s/J. Dismang*