

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 619

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608(a), concerning the term of office of a school district board of directors, is amended to read as follows:

(a) All members of a school district board of directors shall be elected to a term of office of not less than three (3) years nor more than five (5) years in length and with the expiration of such terms so arranged each four-year term to be arranged so that, as nearly as possible, an equal number of positions are filled in each year school board election.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608, concerning the term of office of a school district board of directors, is amended to add an additional



subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) If an entire school district board of directors is elected during the same school board election, the members of the school district board of directors who are elected during the same school board election shall be elected on the date of the:

(A) Preferential primary election; or

(B) General election.

(2) The members of a school district board of directors who are elected during the same school board election as described by subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall initially draw lots for two-year or four-year terms so that, as nearly as possible, an equal number of positions are filled in each subsequent school board election.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-13-631(d)(2)(A), concerning the length of the term of a school board director in a school district that has a ten percent (10%) or greater minority population out of the total population, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a member of a school district board of directors shall serve a ~~five-year~~:

(i) Four-year term; or

(ii) Five-year term.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102, concerning the date of a special school election, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The election of a school district board of directors not elected entirely during the same election may be held in each public school district of this state on the date of the:

(1) Preferential primary election;

(2) General election; or

(3) Annual school election.