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A Bill

SENATE BILL 292

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATE OF AN
10 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION; TO MOVE THE ANNUAL SCHOOL
11 ELECTION IF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS SCHEDULED
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13 AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A), concerning the date of
27 the annual school election, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a)(1)(A) The annual school election shall be held in each school
29 district of the state:

30 (i) In even-numbered years, on the date of the:

31 (a) Preferential primary election; or

32 (b) General election; and

33 (ii)(a) ~~In~~ Except as provided in subdivision
34 (a)(1)(A)(ii)(b) of this section, in odd-numbered years, on the:

35 ~~(a)(1)~~ (1) Second Tuesday in November; or

36 ~~(b)(2)~~ (2) Second Tuesday in May.



1 (b) An annual school election that is
2 scheduled to occur in a month in which the second Tuesday of the month under
3 subdivision (a)(1)(A)(ii)(a) of this section falls on a state holiday shall
4 be held on the third Tuesday of that month.
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6 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
7 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that ensuring adequate
8 participation in elections preserves the public peace, health, and safety as
9 it ensures that the results of elections fairly reflect the will of voters;
10 that the holding of elections on a state holiday prevents many voters from
11 participating in an election and could potentially lead to election results
12 that do not reflect the overall will of voters; and that this act preserves
13 the public peace, health, and safety by ensuring that the annual school
14 election will not occur on a state holiday to allow appropriate participation
15 in the election to ensure fair and accurate results. Therefore, an emergency
16 is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
18 on:

19 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

20 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
21 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
22 bill; or

23 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
24 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.
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