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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2292

5 By: Representative Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

10 TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF
11 CORRECTIONS.
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-27-104(a) – (c), concerning the
20 membership of the Board of Corrections, are amended to read as follows:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

5 ~~(3)(2)~~ Members shall serve until their replacements are
6 appointed.

7 ~~(4)(3)~~ The Governor shall appoint those members not determined
8 by virtue of their office when vacancies occur If a vacancy occurs in the
9 membership of the Board of Corrections, the officer who made the original
10 appointment shall appoint a successor who shall serve the remainder of the
11 unexpired term of the member whom he or she succeeded.

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

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

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

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

25 (3) A current board member:

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

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

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

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

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

1 years;

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

3 years; and

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

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