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**SECTION 1.** Chapter 268 of the Private Acts of 1933, as amended by Chapter 282 of the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 277 of the Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 70 of the Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 337 of the Private Acts of 1970, Chapter 263 of the Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 57 of the Private Acts of 1989, and all other acts amendatory thereto, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Lewis County shall be divided into school districts which shall be coextensive with the county commissioner districts established by the county legislative body of Lewis County from time to time. The Lewis County Board of Education shall consist of the same number of members as the number of county commissioner districts in Lewis County, with one member of said Board of Education being elected by the qualified voters in each school district. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms so that every two (2) years the terms of approximately one-half (2) the members of the Board shall expire, with the odd-numbered districts expiring at the same time, and the even-numbered districts expiring at the same time. Persons elected in the regular August elections shall take office on September 1 following the election.

**SECTION 3.** No incumbent member of the Lewis County Board of Education shall be removed from office as a result of changes in the school districts occurring as a result of changes in the county commissioner districts in Lewis County. If changes in school districts result in a Board member no longer residing in the district he or she represents, such member shall continue to hold office until the expiration of his or her term. If changes in the boundaries of school districts result in more than one Board member residing in a single district, all of such members shall continue to hold office until their respective terms expire, and no representative shall be elected in such district until the last such member's term expires, at which time that district shall elect a resident to the Board to an initial term which will expire at the same time as other Board members from odd-numbered districts or even-numbered districts, as the case may be, and to four (4) year terms thereafter. If changes in the school districts result in one or more school districts which are without a Board member residing therein, at the next regular August election a new school board member shall be elected from each such district to an initial term which will expire at the same time as other Board members from odd-numbered districts or even-numbered districts, as the case may be, and to four (4) year terms thereafter. It is to be understood that changes in school districts may result in the number of members on the Board temporarily exceeding the number of school districts until the expiration of the terms of the members in office on the date of such changes.

**SECTION 4.** The present Board members shall continue to serve until the expiration of their respective terms or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. At the August 1992 election, Board members from the even-numbered districts shall be elected to four (4) year terms, and a new Board member shall be elected to an initial two (2) year term from the new School District 9 which resulted from changes in county commissioner districts following the 1990 census. After the initial two (2) year term, School District 9 shall elect its member of the Board to four (4) year terms. At the August 1994 election, Board members from the odd-numbered districts shall be elected to four (4) year terms.

**SECTION 5.** The Lewis County Board of Education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as the Board of Education established pursuant to Title 49, Tennessee Code Annotated, except as otherwise provided herein.

**SECTION 6.** If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to that end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 7.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners of Lewis County and certified by him (sic) Secretary of State.

**SECTION 8.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 7.

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