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SECTION 1. Chapter 463 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 388 of the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 387 of the Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 346 of the Private Acts of 1982, and any other act amendatory thereto, are repealed in their entirety:

SECTION 2. Bledsoe County shall be divided into seven (7) school districts of substantially equal population, as established by resolution of the county legislative body. The Bledsoe County Board of Education (the "Board") shall consist of seven (7) members, with one (1) member of the Board 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 one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of 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 General Elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the repeal provisions of Section 1, during the transition from the current Board to the new seven (7) member Board, all incumbent Board members shall remain on the Board until the expiration of their current terms. The number of members on the Board may temporarily exceed the number of school districts until the expiration of the terms of the current Board members. During the transition, District 7 may temporarily have two (2) resident Board members, both of whom shall continue to hold office until their respective terms expire, and no Board member shall be elected in such district until the last such member's term expires. To establish staggered terms, the new seven (7) member Board shall be elected as follows: At the August 1994 General Election, one (1) member shall be elected from each of the even-numbered districts (Districts 2, 4 and 6) to serve a two (2) year terms, and one (1) member shall be elected from District 5 to a four (4) year term. At the August 1996 General Election, one (1) member shall be elected from District 1 to serve a two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall be elected from each of Districts 2, 4, and 6 to four (4) year terms. In the August 1998 General Election, one (1) member shall be elected from District 7 to a four (4) year term. Thereafter, all Board members shall be elected to for four (4) year terms.

SECTION 4. The Bledsoe County Board of Education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as the County Boards of Education established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, except as otherwise provided herein.

SECTION 5. 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 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 7. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the county legislative body of Bledsoe County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Bledsoe County and certified to the 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 4.

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