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Board of Education

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SECTION 1. That in all the Counties of the State of Tennessee, having a population of more than 13,600, but less than 13,900, according to the Federal Census of the year 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census, the administration, management, supervision and control of all high schools and all elementary schools, and all the affairs connected with or governing such school affairs, including the employment of teachers, letting of contracts, repairing and erecting public buildings for school uses and purposes shall be vested in a County Board of Education and a Superintendent of Public Instruction, to be elected by popular votes of the voters in such Counties, as other County officials are elected, and possessing the powers and authority herein given and granted, as given and granted by the general laws of the State of Tennessee relating to the subject.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196

SECTION 2. Wayne County shall be divided into school districts which shall be coextensive with the county legislative body districts established by the county legislative body of Wayne County from time to time. The Wayne County Board of Education shall consist of the same number of members as the number of county legislative body districts in Wayne County, with one (1) member of the board of education being elected by the qualified voters in each school district. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms beginning with the 1992 General Election. Beginning with the August 1992 election, members from the first, fourth and seventh districts shall be elected. In the August 1994 election, members from the second and fifth districts shall be elected. Members from the third and sixth districts shall be elected in the August 1996 election, thus establishing staggered terms of four (4) years. Persons elected in the regular August election shall take office on September 1 following the election.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1998, Chapter 199

Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196

SECTION 3. That at the general August Election to be held in August, 1956, a County Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be elected from the county at large, by the qualified voters of the County, in the same manner as other County officials are then elected. He shall have the same qualifications fixed by the general laws of the State of Tennessee, shall receive the same pay as may be determined by the general laws of the State, and shall hold his office for a term of four (4) years from and after September 1, 1956, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. His duties shall be the same as fixed by the general laws of the State for similar officials, and he shall, in addition, carry out and perform the duties and services that may be required of him by the Board of Education. If there is a vacancy in the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, the vacancy shall be filled as provided by law. Terms of office under the provisions of this Act shall begin on September 1, following the general election, as other county officials.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1988, Chapter 199.

Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Wayne County Board of Education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications specified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.

SECTION 5. [Deleted by Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.]

SECTION 6. [Deleted by Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.]

SECTION 7. [Deleted by Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.]

SECTION 8. [Deleted by Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196.]

SECTION 9. That it is the expressed intention of this Act to provide for the full and complete administration of the affairs of public schools in the Counties to which this Act shall apply, and that the provisions of this Act are severable. If any section, sub section, or part be declared unconstitutional and void for any reason, then it is declared to be the legislative intent to enact all remaining provisions and parts as if such matter had first been omitted, and the remaining parts of such Act shall remain in full force and effect.

The Board of Education herein created and provided shall be the only Board having charge of the public school affairs in said Counties, and the present Board of Education set up and established in each county is hereby abolished to make room and give way to the present system established. The provisions of the Compulsory School Laws shall be enforced by such Board of School Commissioners and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 196

SECTION 10. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
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