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Board of Education

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Private Acts of 1953 Chapter 39

SECTION 1. That the counties of this State having a population of not less than 15,800 and not more than 16,000 by the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent census, the County Board of Education, shall consist of nine members, two of whom shall come from the county at large, and the other seven shall be allocated to the five civil districts of said county, each to be a resident of the district from which elected. The county town being located in the Third Civil District, the said third district shall be represented by three members.

SECTION 2. That at the August election in 1954, the qualified voters of the Civil Districts represented by Fred Griffith, R. E. Spainhour, Haynes Brown and Carl Nelson shall elect a resident or residents of such Civil District as a member or members of the County Board of Education, as provided for herein, and that at the August election in 1956, the qualified voters of the Civil Districts represented by T. R. Masters, Richard Jones and Perrell Ferrell, shall elect a resident of such Civil District as a member of the County Board of Education, as provided for herein, and that at the August election in 1956, the qualified voters of the entire County shall elect two members to said Board of Education as members at large and which are now filled by Dr. Earl Peterson and N. C. Duncan. The term of office of each such member of the said County Board of Education shall be for four years from and after the September 1st. following the election at which they are elected, and they shall serve until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. That the compensation, powers and duties of the members of the said County Board of Education as herein provided for, shall be the same as those provided for members of the County Board of Education by general law.

SECTION 4. That to the end that the schools of said County may be properly administered until the election of a new County Board of Education, as herein provided, the following citizens are hereby appointed to fill the vacancies of the said County Board of Education, and to serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided for herein. Those appointed are as follows:

- For the First District--Fred Griffith
- For the Second District--T. R. Griffith
- For the Third District--Richard Jones, R. E. Spainhour, M. Haynes Brown
- For the Fourth District--Carl Nelson
- For the Fifth District--Ferrell Miller
- For the County at Large--Nat C. Duncan, Dr. Earl Peterson

SECTION 5. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed: February 24, 1953

Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 61

SECTION 1. That in counties of this State having a population of not less than 15,080 nor more than 15,090, according to the 1960 Federal Census or any subsequent Federal Census, the election of the members of the County Board of Education shall be by the qualified voters in said county rather than by the Quarterly County Court as now provided under the general law. At the regular election in August 1962, there shall be elected two Board members to serve in the place of those two whose terms expire in July 1961, and in July 1962, respectively; at the regular election in August 1964, there shall be elected two Board members to serve in the place of the two whose terms expire in July 1963, and July 1964, respectively; at the regular election in August 1966, there shall be elected two Board members to serve in the place of those two whose terms expire in July 1965 and in July 1966, respectively; and at the regular election in August 1968, there shall be elected one Board member to serve in the place of the Board member whose term expires in July 1967. The term of office for each of the Board members whose election is provided for in this Act shall be for a term of four years, beginning September 1 following their election, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. All terms of office thereafter for Board members in said county or counties shall be for a period of four years or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Vacancies created by the transition from the Board as it now exists to the Board provided for under the terms of this Act shall not be filled but shall remain vacant.

SECTION 2. That this Act shall have no effect unless the same be approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of any such county voting thereon. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of Elections of the Counties to which this Act applies, to call an election for the County, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the provisions of this Act. The ballots used in such election shall have printed

thereon the title of this Act and the voters shall vote for or against its adoption at the places appropriately provided therefor. The votes cast at such election shall be canvassed by the Commissioners of Elections of the county, upon the first Monday occurring five or more days next after the date of such election and the results shall be proclaimed by the Commission and certified by the Commission to the Secretary of State immediately after the votes have been canvassed. The general election laws, except as otherwise provided herein, shall apply in all respects to the election held hereunder.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 349.

SECTION 3. That this Act shall become effective from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 16, 1961.

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