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Board of Education

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SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Board of Education of Hardeman County to be composed of nine (9) members. As the term of each member of the existing Board of Education becomes vacant, the office shall be filled in the General Election for the districts as established pursuant to Section 2 of this Act; provided, however, that where two (2) existing districts are combined to form one (1) new district, the incumbent shall represent the new district.

SECTION 2. Prior to January 1, 1982, the county legislative body shall meet and a majority of the members being present and concurring, shall establish the boundaries of the school districts. The county legislative body may thereafter change the boundaries of such districts in accordance with the procedure established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-111, if necessary to apportion such districts so that the members represent substantially equal populations.

SECTION 3. At the 1982 General Election, three (3) members shall be elected for a term of six (6) years; at the 1984 General Election, three (3) members shall be elected for a term of six (6) years; and at the 1986 General Election, three (3) members shall be elected for a term of six (6) years. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for six (6) year terms.

Each office in any multi-member district shall be separately designated on the ballot with candidates required to run and to be elected on the basis of such separately designated office within the district. No candidate shall qualify for more than one such separately designated office within such district.

SECTION 4. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Board of Education, the county legislative body shall appoint a person to serve until the next General Election, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

SECTION 5. A majority of the members of the Board of Education shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business by such board and a favorable vote of the majority of the members of such board shall be required to transact all business of such board.

SECTION 6. The county legislative body shall establish the compensation of members of the Board of Education.

SECTION 7. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as having the effect of removing an incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which he was elected.

SECTION 8. Chapter 28 of the Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 114 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 286 of the Private Acts of 1965, Chapter 154 of the Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 120 of the Private Acts of 1979 and all other acts amendatory thereto are repealed.

SECTION 9. 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 the 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 10. This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Hardeman County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 11. 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 10.

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