

State of Tennessee

PRIVATE CHAPTER NO. 59

HOUSE BILL NO. 2989

By Representative Brock Martin

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2974

By Senator Stevens

AN ACT to amend Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981; as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981; Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Gibson County Special School District Board of Trustees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting from Section 2 the language:

A. "DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The management and control of said "District" shall be vested in a Board of Trustees of seven members consisting of six (6) members representing six districts and one member representing the entire "District" to be known as the "at large member."

and substituting the language:

A. DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The management and control of said "District" shall be vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members representing seven (7) districts.

SECTION 2. Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended in Section 2 by deleting the language:

B. BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISTRICTS REPRESENTED. The "District" shall be divided into six (6) districts for selecting board members described as follows:

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SECTION 3. Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended in Section 2 by deleting the language:

C. ELECTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

Upon the expiration of a "member's" term, an election shall be held under the auspices of the County Election Commission and such laws and regulations governing the election of county officials. The successors of "Members" whose terms expire in the year in which a county general election is held shall be elected during such election. For "Members" whose terms expire in years for which there is no county general election, an election shall be held on the first Thursday in August.

and substituting the language:

C. ELECTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS.

(1) Upon the expiration of a "Member's" term, an election shall be held under the auspices of the County Election Commission and such laws and regulations governing the election of county officials. The successors of "Members" whose terms expire in the year in which a county general election is held shall be elected during such election.

(2) In order to facilitate getting school board elections occurring on even years during the county general election, the following changes to election terms will need to occur:

a. In 2025, trustee position two and trustee position six will have three-year terms; and

b. In 2027, trustee position four and trustee position seven will have three-year terms.

(3) The county general election in 2028 will have the following trustee positions up for re-election and all positions will serve four-year terms thereafter:

a. Trustee position one;

- b. Trustee position two;
- c. Trustee position five; and
- d. Trustee position six.

(4) The county general election in 2030 will have the following trustee positions up for re-election and all positions will serve four-year terms thereafter:

a. Trustee position three;

- b. Trustee position four; and
- c. Trustee position seven.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity must 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 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: _____ April 4, 2024

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR