

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas, school elections in Arkansas are conducted annually for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Education and considering the rate of taxation to support schools; and

Whereas, the school election date in 2017 as defined by statute is on September 19, the third Tuesday in September; and

Whereas, § 6-14-102 (c)(1) A.C.A. provides that..

“In any election year, if no more than one (1) candidate for any school district director position presents a petition or notice as required by § 6-14-111 and if there are no other ballot issues to be submitted to school district electors for consideration, with the exception of the local tax rate if that rate is not being changed or restructured, the board of directors of any school district, by resolution, may request the county board of election commissioners to reduce the number of polling places or to open no polling places on election day so that the election can be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only.” ; and

Whereas, only one candidate for At-large, Position 2 and only one candidate for Zone III, Position 7 submitted properly signed petitions by the filing deadline; and

Whereas, the proposed school tax rate of 36.5 mills is the same rate previously levied and no increase is proposed; and

Whereas, the costs of conducting the election will be significantly reduced by using the procedures authorized by the statutes.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Sebastian County Election Commission is hereby requested to provide for absentee and early voting only as provided by § 6-14-102 (c)(1) A.C.A. for the Fort Smith School District No. 100.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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Vice President

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Secretary