

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SCHOOL BOARD ZONES FOLLOWING THE 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, it was determined that the Cabot School District exceeded the ten percent (10%) minority population after the 2020 Census; and,

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-631 – Effect of Minority Population on Election requires a board of directors to choose to elect members from five (5) or seven (7) single-member zones or from five (5) single-member zones and two (2) at large, following the decennial census; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Cabot School District has chosen to have seven (7) board members, elected through five (5) single-member zones and two (2) at large; and,

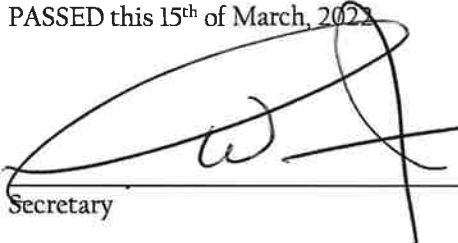
WHEREAS, the Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-631 – Effect of Minority Population on Election requires zones to have substantially equal population, with boundaries on the most recent available federal decennial census information; and,

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-631 – Effect of Minority Population on Election requires candidates from a single-member zone to be a qualified elector and resident of the said zone, and a candidate for an at large position must be a qualified elector and resident of the school district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cabot School District hereby adopts this resolution for election zones in compliance with Arkansas law and outlined as follows:

- 1) Based on the recent decennial census information, the Cabot School District's minority population now exceeds ten percent (10%).
- 2) The Board of Education of the Cabot School District has chosen to have seven (7) board members, elected through five (5) single-member zones and two (2) at large.
- 3) The Cabot School District drew lots to identify the two (2) at large positions as required by Arkansas Code § 6-13-631 – Effect of Minority Population on Election.
- 4) The Cabot School District was presented with school zone options by EFS GeoTechnologies and found "Option 1" to be the most reasonable and legitimate option to produce substantially equal zones.
- 5) The Cabot School District hereby adopts "Option 1" as its designated zoning for the 2022 school board elections.
- 6) "Option 1" will be submitted to the Lonoke County Election Commission for approval.
- 7) "Option 1" will be submitted to the Lonoke County Clerk, Arkansas Secretary of State, and Geographic Information Systems Office on or before May 12, 2022.
- 8) The Cabot School District will elect board members for the five (5) newly established zones in the November 2022 election.

PASSED this 15th of March, 2022


Secretary


President