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In July, the Pine Bluff School Board determined its current election plan in accordance with Act 503 of 2025, a comprehensive law enacted in April 2025 that substantially reformed school board election procedures.

Since that time, the District has been made aware of concerns regarding the timing of Zone Five's next election, which the District had slated to open in 2028. Although the District believes its current plan is legally defensible given ambiguities in the statute, the Board has directed the Jefferson County Clerk to immediately open ZONE 5 for candidate filing for the March 2026 election.

The District believes this proactive step will eliminate distractions and allow full focus on what matters most, educating the students of Pine Bluff School District.