

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/9/05 H3/17/05

A Bill

SENATE BILL 952

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5 By: Senators Madison, Bisbee
6 By: Representative Edwards

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF WASHINGTON
11 COUNTY AND BENTON COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF
15 WASHINGTON COUNTY AND BENTON COUNTY.

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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Legislative findings.

21 The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas finds that:

22 (1) Areas of Washington County and Benton County are cut off
23 from public and emergency services by the waters of Beaver Lake;

24 (2) The areas are commonly known as the "Barzel Point" areas in
25 Washington County and the "War Eagle recreation area" of Benton County;

26 (3) Problems associated with the provision of services in these
27 areas have existed for several years, but the number of calls for service
28 were minimal due to the sparse population of the areas; and

29 (4) The population growth in these areas has heightened the need
30 for a boundary adjustment.

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32 SECTION 2. The boundaries of Washington County and Benton County are
33 changed as follows:

34 (a) Effective January 1, 2006, the southern boundary of Benton County,
35 Arkansas, is extended to include the following lands presently located in



1 Washington County, Arkansas:

2 (1) Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 18 Township 18
3 Range 28 (NW corner of Benton/Washington County boundary), thence East along
4 existing Benton/Washington County line to a point being in the center of
5 channel of War Eagle Creek in Section 10 Township 18 Range 28, thence
6 meandering following center of channel of War Eagle Creek beginning
7 southeasterly through Section 15 Township 18 Range 28, Section 22 Township 18
8 Range 28, Section 21 Township 18 Range 28, Section 16 Township 18 Range 28,
9 Section 21 Township 18 Range 28, Section 28 Township 18 Range 28, Section 29
10 Township 18 Range 28, Section 20 Township 18 Range 28, Section 19 Township 18
11 Range 28, to a point in Section 18 Township 18 Range 28 merging with and to
12 the center of channel of White River, thence southeasterly in center of
13 channel to Range line 29, thence North along said line to Point of Beginning.

14 (b) Effective January 1, 2006, the northern boundary of Washington
15 County, Arkansas, is extended to include the following lands presently
16 located in Benton County, Arkansas:

17 (1) Beginning at the Northwest corner Section 30 Township 18
18 Range 28 (SE corner of Benton/Washington County boundary), thence North along
19 Range line 29 to center of channel of White River in Section 13 Township 18
20 Range 29, thence meandering following center of channel through Section 13
21 Township 18 Range 29 and Section 24 Township 18 Range 29 to point of existing
22 Benton/Washington County line, thence East to Point of Beginning.

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24 SECTION 3. The local option election status of Washington County shall
25 apply to the lands transferred from Benton County to Washington County by
26 this act. The local option election status of Benton County shall apply to
27 the lands transferred from Washington County to Benton County by this act.

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29 SECTION 4. All private and community boat docks or other structures on
30 United States Army Corps of Engineers property along Beaver Lake shoreline in
31 Benton County and Washington County shall be assessed and taxed by the county
32 contiguous to the property.

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34 /s/ Madison, et al

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