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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1261

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5 By: Representatives Lowery, M. Hodges, Lemons

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAYORAL
9 APPOINTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAYORAL
14 APPOINTMENTS.

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-401(b), concerning filling a vacancy
20 in the office of mayor, is amended to read as follows:

21 (b)(1)(A) In case of ~~his or her~~ the mayor's death, disability,
22 resignation, or other vacation of his or her office, the city council, by
23 vote of a majority of all its members, may appoint some other person to act
24 until the expiration of his or her term or disability if the unexpired term
25 of his or her office is less than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year. Otherwise, an
26 election shall be ordered in accordance with the laws of the state.

27 (B) A removal from the city shall be deemed a vacation of
28 his or her office.

29 (2)(A) In all cases ~~where~~ in which the unexpired term has ~~more~~
30 ~~than six (6) months~~ one (1) year or more to run and a special election has
31 been called to fill the vacancy in the office of mayor, the city governing
32 body ~~is authorized to~~ may appoint ~~any~~ a qualified elector of the city,
33 including any member of the city council, to serve as acting mayor until the
34 office is filled at the special election.

35 (B) A member of the council shall not vote on his or her
36 own appointment. **APPROVED: 03/06/2015**

