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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1777

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE POWER OF A  
10 MUNICIPALITY TO VACATE A PUBLIC STREET OR ALLEY; TO  
11 ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO VACATE AND ABANDON A STREET  
12 OR ALLEY WHEN ALL PROPERTY ABUTTING THE STREET OR  
13 ALLEY IS OWNED BY A MUSEUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE POWER OF  
17 A MUNICIPALITY TO VACATE A PUBLIC STREET  
18 OR ALLEY; AND TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO  
19 VACATE AND ABANDON A STREET OR ALLEY WHEN  
20 ALL PROPERTY ABUTTING THE STREET OR ALLEY  
21 IS OWNED BY A MUSEUM.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-301-301(b), concerning the power of a  
28 municipality to vacate and abandon a public street or alley, is amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 (b) In all cases where the owner of property within a city or town  
31 shall have dedicated, or may hereafter dedicate, a portion of the property to  
32 the public use as streets or alleys by platting the property and causing the  
33 plat to be filed for record, as provided by law, and any street or alley, or  
34 section thereof, shown on the plat so filed shall not have been actually used  
35 by the public as a street or alley for a period of five (5) years and in all  
36 cases where all property abutting any street or alley, or section thereof, is



1 owned by any museum as defined in §13-5-1003, educational institution, or  
2 college, whether the property shall have been actually used by the public as  
3 a street or alley for a period of five (5) years or not, the city or town  
4 council shall have power to vacate and abandon the street or alley, or any  
5 portion thereof, by proceeding in the manner set forth in this subchapter.

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