1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/17/97 S3/24/97 S3/25/97		
2	81st General Assembly	A Bill	ACT 1216 OF 1997	
3	Regular Session, 1997		HOUSE BILL	2144
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5	By: Representative Thomas			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NONE OF THE ANNEXATION LAWS OF			
10	THIS STATE SHALL HAVE APPLICATION IN AN AREA WITHIN ONE-			
11	HALF MILE OF THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY STATE PARK LOCATED IN A			
12	COUNTY WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF THREE HUNDRED AND			
13	FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."			
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15	Subtitle			
16	"PROVIDE THAT NONE OF THE ANNEXATION			
17	LAWS SHALL HAVE APPLICATION IN AN AREA			
18	WITHIN ONE HALF-MILE OF BOUNDARIES OF			
19	ANY STATE PARK LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH			
20	A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF THREE HUNDRED			
21	AND FIFT	Y THOUSAND PERSONS."		
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENER	RAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	AS:	
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25	SECTION 1. None of the annexation laws of this state shall have any			
26	application in the area within one-half (1/2) mile of the boundaries of any			
27	state park located in a county with a population in excess of three hundred			
28	and fifty thousand (350,000) persons unless the annexation is approved by a			
29	majority of the voters residing within such one-half (1/2) mile area, or the			
30	area to be annexed is on the opposite side of a navigable river from the state			
31	park. Any order of the county court issued in contradiction hereof is void,			
32	if the order is issued aft	ter the effective date of this act.		
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34	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature			
35	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code			
36	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.			

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         SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 3 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 4 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 5 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 6 act are declared to be severable.
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         SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
9 hereby repealed.
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                                   /s/Rep. Thomas
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