

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

Act 244 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1187

5 By: Representatives Verkamp, Jacobs
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-43-312 TO
10 CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR STAGGERING THE FOUR-
11 YEAR TERMS FOR ALDERMEN IN CITIES OF THE FIRST
12 CLASS WITH LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND (50,000)
13 INHABITANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR STAGGERING
16 FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALDERMEN IN FIRST
17 CLASS CITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER
18 50,000.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-312 is amended to read as follows:
25 14-43-312. Aldermen in mayor-council cities of less than 50,000.

26 (a)(1) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1966, and
27 every two (2) years thereafter, the qualified voters of all cities of the
28 first class having the mayor-council form of government with fewer than fifty
29 thousand (50,000) inhabitants shall elect two (2) aldermen from each ward for
30 a term of two (2) years, except that any city of the first class may, by
31 ordinance, refer the question to voters to elect ~~one (1) alderman~~ two (2)
32 aldermen from each ward to four-year terms as more particularly set out in
33 subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

34 (2)(A) Any city of the first class may, on or before February 1
35 of the election year when the procedure will go into effect, by ordinance
36 referred to and approved by the voters at the previous general election or at



1 a special election called for that purpose, elect ~~one (1) alderman~~ two (2)
2 aldermen from each ward to four-year terms, except for the initial terms as
3 provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section.

4 (B)(i) If this procedure is adopted by ordinance referred
5 to and approved by the voters of the city, the alderman representing position
6 number one from each ward will be elected to a four-year term at the next
7 general election.

8 (ii) The alderman representing position number two
9 from each ward will be elected to a an initial two-year term at the next
10 election, and thereafter will be elected to four-year terms, resulting in
11 staggered terms with one (1) alderman being elected to a four-year term from
12 each ward every two (2) years.

13 (b)(1) The ~~election officials~~ county board of election commissioners
14 shall designate the aldermen as alderman number 1 and alderman number 2.

15 (2)(A) A candidate for the office of alderman shall designate
16 the number of the alderman's office which the candidate is seeking at the
17 time he or she files as a candidate for the office.

18 (B) When this designation has been made, the candidate
19 shall not be permitted thereafter to change the designation.

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