

ARKANSAS SENATE
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 201

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS IN DEFUNCT TOWNSHIPS THAT
RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1942.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 201

Amend Senate Bill No. 201 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 12, delete "OBTAINS ALL"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 13 and 14

AND

Page 1, line 15, delete "BEVERAGES", and substitute the following:
"MAY HOLD A SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION ELECTION CALLED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
ANNEXING CITY OR TOWN FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR OFF-PREMISES ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES"

AND

Page 1, line 18, delete "UPON ANNEXATION", and substitute the following:
"IF THE SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION ELECTION RESULTS IN THE APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE
OF PERMITS FOR OFF-PREMISES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 7 through 15, and substitute the following:

"(a)(1) The governing body of a wet city or wet incorporated town that has annexed all or a portion of a defunct township under Title 14, Chapter 40, that had previously voted dry, in addition to all other local option election options, may adopt an ordinance to hold a one-time special local option election within the boundaries of the annexed area within the defunct township only to provide the citizens in that annexed area an opportunity to retain the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the annexing city or annexing incorporated town related to the issuance of permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.



(2) The election process for a special local option election for the annexed area within a defunct township under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be conducted under § 3-8-201 et seq.

(b) After a special local option election under subsection (a) of this section in which the majority of qualified voters vote for the issuance of permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, the annexed area within a defunct township described under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) Have all ties to the defunct township related to local option status for the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages severed; and

(2) Retain the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the annexing city or annexing incorporated town related to the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. English

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Secretary