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4 **By: Representative Flanagin**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1177

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §16-17-120 TO
9 PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPAL JUDGES EXERCISING COUNTYWIDE
10 JURISDICTION SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE
11 ENTIRE COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §16-17-120 is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 "16-17-120. Method of electing judges - Candidate requirements.

18 (a) The governing body of any city in which a municipal court has been
19 created or is hereafter created under the provisions of subchapter 2 of this
20 chapter, or any other general law authorizing or providing for the
21 establishment of a municipal court, shall by ordinance provide that the judge
22 of that court shall thereafter be elected by the electors of the entire county
23 if the municipal court is exercising countywide jurisdiction *and there are no*
24 *more than three (3) municipal judges in the county* or, in the event the county
25 is divided into two (2) or more judicial districts, by the electors of the
26 judicial district in which the municipality creating the court is located.

27 (b) A governing body of any city changing the method of election of the
28 judge under the provisions of this section shall thereafter be powerless to
29 select a method of election which would be by electors of the municipality
30 only.

31 (c) (1) When the governing body of any municipality enacts an ordinance
32 changing the method of electing the judge of the municipal court of the
33 municipality, the ordinance shall be applicable with respect to the election
34 of the judge of the court next following the expiration of the current term of
35 the judge of the court.

