

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.

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# A Bill

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



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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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