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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1655

By: Representative Davis

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A STATE PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A STATE PARK.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-40-205 is amended to read as follows: 14-40-205. Territory within one-half mile of state park.
(a) None of the The annexation laws of this state shall have any application do not apply in the area within one-half mile of the boundaries of any a state park located in a county with a population in excess of three hundred fifty thousand $(350,000)$ persons unless the:
(1) The annexation is approved by a majority of the voters residing within such the one-half mile area, the;
(2) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of a navigable river from the state park, or the;
(3) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of and south of an existing railroad right-of-way from the state park; or
(4) The area to be annexed contains a public or private school.
(b)(1) Any An order of the county court issued in contradiction hereof of this section is void if the order is issued after August $1,1997$.
(2) However, if any $\underline{A}$ county court order was issued after August 1, 1997, annexing an area on the opposite side of and south of an existing
railroad right-of-way from a state park, then the county court order is declared valid and not void.

