

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY MANAGER OF A CITY WITH A CITY-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN SIX THOUSAND (6,000) PERSONS MAY, WITH THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RESIDE OUTSIDE THE CITY DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT AS CITY MANAGER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12 of Act 99 of 1921, as amended (Arkansas Statute 19-712), regarding the residency requirements for city managers, the city manager of a city with a city-manager form of government and with a population of less than six thousand (6,000) persons may, upon approval of a majority of the Board of Directors of the city, reside outside the city during his employment as city manager.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the city manager residency requirement of Act 99 of 1921 puts cities with less than six thousand (6,000) persons in population at a serious disadvantage when competing with larger cities for the services of professional city managers and that allowing these cities the option to eliminate the residency requirement will reverse this inequity. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the cities of the State shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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