

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Representative Calhoun**

# A Bill

**ACT 338 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1311**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 16-17-501 TO PROVIDE  
9 THAT ANY CITY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN THREE  
10 THOUSAND (3,000) PERSONS MAY CREATE A MUNICIPAL COURT; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CITY WITH A  
15 POPULATION OF LESS THAN 3,000 PERSONS  
16 MAY CREATE A MUNICIPAL COURT."

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

21 SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-501 is amended to read as follows:  
22 "16-17-501. Generally.

23 Any city with a population of less than three thousand (3,000) persons,  
24 according to any federal census, which had a municipal court in existence on  
25 March 4, 1985, may create a municipal court under this subchapter."

27 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
35 act are declared to be severable.

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1 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
2 hereby repealed.

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4 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
5 Assembly that the City of Augusta is in need of a municipal court and a  
6 municipal judge; that the population of Augusta is just above the limit set by  
7 current law; and that this act will allow Augusta to create a municipal court  
8 immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act  
9 being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety  
10 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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BECAME LAW WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE: 2-15-95

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