State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H2/11/19

A Bill

SENATE BILL 98

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING LAW
TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO ACCEPT DEBIT CARD AND
CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL
ACCOUNTING LAW TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO
ACCEPT DEBIT CARD AND CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 59 is amended to add an
additional section to read as follows:

14-59-119. Debit card and credit card payments.
(a) A municipality may accept a legal payment and any associated costs
through a debit card or credit card in accordance with applicable state and
federal law.

(b)(1) A municipality may enter into a contract with a credit card or
debit card company and pay any fee normally charged by the card or debit card
company for allowing the municipality to accept the credit card or debit card
as payment as authorized under subsection (a) of this section.
(2) When a payment is made through a credit card or debit card,
the municipality shall assess a transaction fee equal to the amount charged
to the municipality by the credit card or debit card company.
/s/J. Cooper

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