Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1343

By: Representatives Hawks, Bentley, Cloud, Clowney, C. Cooper, Dotson, Godfrey, Lowery, McCollum, McKenzie, S. Meeks, Scott, B. Smith, Speaks, Sullivan

By: Senators M. Johnson, Rapert

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(b)(1)(A)(ii), concerning county legislative procedures, is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) Before the end of each fiscal year, the quorum court shall make appropriations for the expenses of county government for the following year.

(b) Upon the final passage of the annual appropriations ordinance under subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii)(a) of this section, the county clerk shall publish the ordinance and annual budget on a website owned or maintained by the county, the state, or the Association of Arkansas Counties.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-21-102(b)(1), concerning the annual financial report of a county, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The clerk of the county court shall cause to be published
one (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the county publish the annual financial report of the county:

   (i) One (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the county; and

   (ii) On a website owned or maintained by the county, the state, or the Association of Arkansas Counties.

   (B) If no newspaper is not published in the county, then the clerk of the county court shall cause publish the annual financial report of the county to be published one (1) time in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county.

   SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2020.

/s/Hawks

APPROVED: 3/27/19