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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 240

5 By: Senator D. Wallace
6 By: Representative Coleman
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONMUNICIPAL
10 DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS; TO DECLARE AN
11 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-4-203(b)(1)(B), concerning permits for
23 nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works, is amended to read as follows:

24 (B) As used in this section, “nonmunicipal domestic sewage
25 treatment works” means a device or system operated by an entity other than a
26 city, town, ~~or~~ county, public facilities board, or public water authority
27 that treats, in whole or in part, waste or wastewater from humans or
28 household operations and must continuously operate to protect human health
29 and the environment despite a permittee’s failure to maintain or operate the
30 device or system.
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32 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that certain public facilities
34 boards and public water authorities operate domestic sewage treatment systems
35 that protect the health and safety of the public; that under current law
36 these public entities are treated like a city, town, or county for purposes



1 of operating domestic sewage treatment systems; that the current law will
2 expire on June 30, 2020; that the expiration of the current law could disrupt
3 the operations of those public facilities boards and public water
4 authorities; and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent any
5 disruption of the operation of those domestic sewage treatment systems that
6 protect the health and safety of the public. Therefore, an emergency is
7 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
9 on:

10 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

11 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
12 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
13 bill; or

14 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
15 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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