

Act 726 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1283

By: Representative Gilbert

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-52-202 TO CLARIFY THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S AUTHORITY IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO CHARGE FEES FOR THE DELIVERY OF ARREST WARRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-52-202 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"14-52-202. Powers and duties of police chiefs.

(a) The chief of police in cities of the first class shall execute all process directed to him by the mayor and shall, by himself or by someone else on the police force, attend on the sitting of the police court to execute its orders and preserve order therein.

(b) (1) The chief of police shall have power to appoint one (1) or more deputies from the police force, for whose official acts he shall be responsible, and by whom he may execute all process directed to him.

(2) He shall have power, by himself or by deputy, to execute all such process in any part of the county in which the police court is situated or in which the municipal court has jurisdiction.

(3) For serving city warrants only, the chief of police or his deputies shall be entitled to the fees allowed to the sheriffs under 21-6-307 for similar services in similar cases.

(4) All fees collected by the police chief and his deputies for similar services shall be paid over to the city treasury.

(c) It shall be the chief of police's duty to suppress all riots, disturbances, and breaches of the peace. To that end he may call upon the citizens to assist him to apprehend all persons in the act of committing any offense against the laws of the state or the ordinances of the city, and he shall bring them immediately before the proper authority for examination or trial.

(d) The chief of police shall have power to pursue or arrest any person fleeing from justice in any part of the state and to receive and execute any proper authority for arrest and detention of criminals fleeing or escaping from any other place or state.

(e) The chief of police shall have, in the discharge of his proper duties, like powers, and shall be subject to like responsibilities as sheriffs and constables in similar cases, and shall be required by the city council to give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum as such council may require."

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

SECTION 3. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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