1 State of Arkansas A Bill **ACT 545 OF 1993** 2 **79th General Assembly** SENATE BILL 208 3 Regular Session, 1993 4 By: Senator Lewellen 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS SHALL g HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO REGULATE OR CONTROL THE AMOUNT 9 CHARGED FOR RENTING OR LEASING PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR 10 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 11 12 Subtitle 13 "RENT CONTROL PREEMPTION ACT." 14 15 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 17 SECTION 1. As used in this act, "local governmental unit" means a 18 19 political subdivision of this state, including, but not limited to, a county, 20 city, village, or township, if the political subdivision provides local 21 government services for residents in a geographically limited area of this 22 state as its primary purpose and has the power to act primarily on behalf of 23 that area. 24 2.5 SECTION 2. A local governmental unit shall not enact, maintain, or 26 enforce an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling 27 the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial 28 property. 29 3 0 SECTION 3. This act does not impair the right of any local governmental 31 unit to manage and control residential property in which the local 32 governmental unit has a property interest. 33 34 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code 36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to 3 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect 4 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without 5 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this 6 act are declared to be severable. SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are 9 hereby repealed. APPROVED: 03-16-93

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