1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H4/5/01 S4/10/01 A Bill 2 Act 1831 of 2001 83rd General Assembly HOUSE BILL 2558 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 By: Representative Hathorn 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-38-101 CONCERNING THE PETITIONS FOR INCORPORATING CITIES 10 11 AND TOWNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 **Subtitle** 13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-38-101 14 15 CONCERNING THE PETITIONS FOR 16 INCORPORATING CITIES AND TOWNS. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 20 21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-38-101(b), concerning the petitions for incorporating cities and towns, is amended to read as follows: 22 23 (b)(1) The court shall not approve the incorporation of any municipality if any portion of the territory proposed to be embraced in the 24 25 incorporated town shall lie within five (5) miles from the corporate limits 26 of an existing municipal corporation unless the governing body of the municipal corporation has, by written resolution, affirmatively consented to 27 28 the incorporation. 29 (2)(A)(i) The five-mile limitation shall not apply if the area proposed to be incorporated is separated from the corporate limits of an 30 31 existing municipality by a natural barrier that makes the area to be 32 incorporated inaccessible to the existing municipality. (ii) If the area proposed to be incorporated is only 33 accessible by a bridge or other man-made structure, then the area shall be 34 35 considered inaccessible for purposes of this subsection (b). 36 (B) The five-mile limitation shall not apply if the area

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1	proposed to be incorporated are lands upon which a real estate development by
2	a single developer, containing not less than <i>five thousand (5,000) four</i>
3	thousand (4,000) acres has been or is being developed under a comprehensive
4	plan for a community containing streets and other public services, parks, and
5	other recreational facilities for common use by the residents thereof,
6	churches, schools, and commercial and residential facilities, and which has
7	been subdivided into sufficient lots for residential use to accommodate a
8	projected population of not fewer than one thousand (1,000) persons, and for
9	which a statement of record has been filed with the Secretary of Housing and
10	Urban Development under the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act.
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