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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2229

5 By: Representative Wright
6 By: Senator B. Pierce
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR AN
10 ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN A CITY
11 MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR
16 AN ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF
17 GOVERNMENT IN A CITY MANAGER FORM OF
18 GOVERNMENT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a) and (b), concerning petitions
24 for an election on aldermanic form of government in a city manager form of
25 government, are amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) After the expiration of six (6) years after the date on which
27 the first board of directors takes office in a city organized under this
28 chapter, a petition may be presented to the mayor. It shall be signed by
29 electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of
30 ballots cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for which~~
31 ~~the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in the immediately
32 preceding mayoral general election. Whereupon, the mayor by proclamation
33 shall submit the question of organization of the city under the aldermanic
34 form of government at a special election to be held in accordance with § 7-
35 11-201 et seq.

36 (2) The proclamation shall be published at length one (1) time



1 in some newspaper published in the city ~~for one (1) time~~. Notice of the
2 election shall be published in some newspaper published in the city one (1)
3 time a week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than
4 fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election. No other notice of
5 the election shall be necessary.

6 (b) If the plan is not adopted by a majority of the voters voting upon
7 that issue at the special election called, the question of adopting the
8 aldermanic form of government shall not be resubmitted to the voters of the
9 city for adoption within four (4) years thereafter. Then the question to
10 adopt shall be resubmitted upon the presentation to the mayor of a petition
11 signed by electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate
12 number of votes cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for~~
13 ~~which the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in *the* immediately
14 *preceding* mayoral general election.

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16 /s/Wright

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