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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 225

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND A STATUTE CONCERNING OFFICIALS IN  
10 CERTAIN MAYOR-COUNCIL CITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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15 IN CERTAIN MAYOR-COUNCIL CITIES.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-303 is amended to read as follows:

21 14-43-303. Officials in mayor-council cities of 50,000 or more.

22 (a)(1)(A) In the general election in the year 1960, and every four (4)  
23 years thereafter, cities of the first class that have a population of fifty  
24 thousand (50,000) persons or more, according to the latest decennial federal  
25 census or special federal census, and that also have the mayor-council form  
26 of government shall elect the following officials:

27 (i) One (1) mayor;

28 (ii) One (1) city clerk; and

29 (iii) One (1) alderman from each ward of the city.

30 (B) All of these officials shall hold office for a term of  
31 four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

32 ~~(2)(A) At the general election in the year 1960, the city shall~~  
33 ~~also elect:~~

34 ~~(i) One (1) city attorney;~~

35 ~~(ii) One (1) city treasurer; and~~

36 ~~(iii) One (1) alderman from each ward of the city.~~



1                   ~~(B) All of these officials shall hold office for a term of~~  
2 ~~two (2) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

3                   ~~(3)~~(2)(A) At the general election in the year 1962 and every  
4 four (4) years thereafter, the city shall elect:

5                   (i) One (1) city attorney;

6                   (ii) One (1) city treasurer; and

7                   (iii) One (1) alderman from each ward of the city.

8                   (B) All of these officials shall hold office for a term of  
9 four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

10                  (b) In all primaries or general elections, the candidates for the  
11 office of alderman shall reside in their respective wards. However, all  
12 qualified electors residing in these cities and entitled to vote in the  
13 elections shall have the right to vote at their several voting precincts for  
14 each and every candidate so to be nominated or elected.

15                  (c) All odd-year elections for municipal officials in the cities of  
16 the first class that have a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more  
17 persons, according to the latest federal census, and that also have the  
18 mayor-council form of government are abolished.

19                  (d)(1) If a city first attains a population of fifty thousand (50,000)  
20 as shown in a decennial federal census or special federal census completed  
21 after January 1, 1997, and the mayor or other elected official of the city  
22 last elected before the census was elected to a four-year term and the term  
23 will expire two (2) years before the quadrennial general election year at  
24 which city officials are elected as provided in subsection (a) of this  
25 section, the terms of such officials shall be extended for a period of two  
26 (2) years in order that the terms will coincide with the next quadrennial  
27 general election year. At that quadrennial general election and at each  
28 quadrennial general election thereafter, the mayor and such other municipal  
29 officials shall be elected to terms of four (4) years as provided in this  
30 section.

31                  (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not affect in any  
32 way the provisions of this section that provide for staggering the terms of  
33 office of aldermen so that one (1) alderman will be elected from each ward  
34 every two (2) years.

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36                                   **APPROVED: 02/27/2015**