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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1266

5 By: Representative Warren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTED CITY
9 COLLECTORS AND TO TERMINATE THE OFFICE OF CITY
10 COLLECTOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTED CITY
15 COLLECTORS AND TO TERMINATE THE OFFICE OF
16 CITY COLLECTOR.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-44-117 is repealed.

22 ~~14-44-117. City collectors.~~

23 ~~(a) Every city of the second class within the State of Arkansas is~~
24 ~~empowered to elect a city collector at the time of the election of other~~
25 ~~officers of these cities.~~

26 ~~(b)(1) The collector's duties shall be to collect all fines, licenses,~~
27 ~~taxes, and all other revenues due the municipality, except taxes now~~
28 ~~collected by the sheriff and collector of a county as provided by law.~~

29 ~~(2) The collector shall also collect all taxes or benefits for~~
30 ~~any and all improvement districts or other agencies of government within the~~
31 ~~municipality.~~

32 ~~(c)(1)(A) The city council shall fix the amount and require a good and~~
33 ~~sufficient surety bond of that collector to protect the municipality in the~~
34 ~~safe handling and accounting to the city for all municipal funds which shall~~
35 ~~come into his or her hands.~~
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1 ~~(B) The council shall require the bond to be filed with the~~
 2 ~~city recorder and made a permanent record after the bond has been recorded in~~
 3 ~~the office of the circuit clerk of the county in which the municipality is~~
 4 ~~located, as may be otherwise required by law.~~

5 ~~(2) For the safekeeping and the proper accounting of all funds~~
 6 ~~collected by the collector for any and all improvement districts, that~~
 7 ~~collector shall make and file a good and sufficient surety bond with each~~
 8 ~~board of commissioners of any such district, as may be required by law.~~

9 ~~(3)(A) For any and all of the surety bonds required in this~~
 10 ~~subsection of the collector, they may be made by any solvent surety company~~
 11 ~~authorized to do business in the State of Arkansas.~~

12 ~~(B) The premiums for these bonds shall be paid by the~~
 13 ~~municipality or the improvement district as each is affected.~~

14 ~~(d)(1) The city council shall fix the salary to be paid to the~~
 15 ~~collector for his or her services.~~

16 ~~(2) If it is deemed to be in the best interests of the~~
 17 ~~municipality or any improvement district affected, the council may provide~~
 18 ~~that the collector may receive, in lieu of a fixed salary, fees as may be~~
 19 ~~fixed by the council, or as otherwise provided by law.~~

20 ~~(e)(1) The council of any city in this state electing to exercise the~~
 21 ~~rights conferred in this section may provide, by ordinance, for the~~
 22 ~~applicability of this section.~~

23 ~~(2) All boards of commissioners of any and all improvement~~
 24 ~~districts in these cities shall comply with the intent and purpose of this~~
 25 ~~section, and any commissioner failing to so comply may be removed from office~~
 26 ~~by the council.~~

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