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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1633

5 By: Representatives Underwood, Beaty Jr., Bryant, Carr, Fortner, Haak, McCollum, Tollett, *Pilkington*  
6 By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
10 SERVICES OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, CITIES OF THE  
11 SECOND CLASS, AND INCORPORATED TOWNS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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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 § 14-52-101 is amended to read as follows:

22 14-52-101. ~~Authorized Establishment~~ Establishment in cities of the first class.

23 (a) The city council governing body of a city of the first class shall  
24 ~~have power to~~ establish a city police department, ~~to organize it under the~~  
25 ~~general superintendence of the mayor, and to prescribe its duties and define~~  
26 ~~its powers in such manner as will most~~ and provide the city police department  
27 with the proper means and equipment to provide law enforcement services for  
28 the city and its inhabitants in a manner that will most effectually preserve  
29 the peace of the city, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ from personal violence,  
30 and safeguard their property ~~from fire and unlawful depredations~~.

31 (b) In lieu of establishing a city police department under this  
32 section, a governing body of a city of the first class may enter into a  
33 contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an  
34 existing law enforcement agency.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-52-102 is amended to read as follows:



1 14-52-102. Authorized in cities of the second class and incorporated  
2 towns.

3 (a) The governing body of any a city of the second class or an  
4 incorporated town may establish a police department for the town, prescribe  
5 its duties, and define its powers in such manner as and provide law  
6 enforcement services for the city of the second class or incorporated town  
7 that will most effectively preserve the peace of the city of the second class  
8 or incorporated town, secure the citizens thereof from personal violence, and  
9 safeguard their property from unlawful deprivations.

10 (b) In lieu of establishing a police department under this section, a  
11 governing body of a city of the second class or incorporated town may enter  
12 into a contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an  
13 existing law enforcement agency.

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15 /s/Underwood

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