

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1413

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF A QUORUM COURT.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1413

Amend House Bill No. 1413 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Lemons as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Senator Hester as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(a), concerning the time and place of quorum court assembly, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Time and Place of Quorum Court Assembly.

(1)(A)(i) The justices of the peace elected in each county shall assemble and organize as a county quorum court body on the first regular meeting date after the beginning of the justices' term in office, or
~~(ii) Alternatively,~~ the county judge may schedule the biennial meeting date of the quorum court on a date in January other than the first regular meeting date of the quorum court after the beginning of the justices' term.

(ii) At the first regular meeting, the quorum court shall establish the date, time, and location of meetings of the quorum court.

(B) Thereafter, the justices shall assemble each calendar month at a regular time and place as established by ordinance and in their respective counties to perform the duties of a quorum court, except that more frequent meetings may be required by ordinance.

(2) By declaration of emergency or determination that an emergency exists and the safety of the general public is at risk, the county judge may change the date, place, or time of the regular meeting of the quorum court upon twenty-four-hour notice.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(d), concerning the presiding officer of the quorum court, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Presiding Officer.



(1)(A) The county judge shall preside over the quorum court without a vote but with the power of veto.

(B) In the absence of the county judge, a quorum of the justices by majority vote shall elect one (1) of their number to preside but without the power to veto.

(2)(A)(i) The presiding officer or the quorum court by majority vote shall appoint all regular and special committees of a quorum court, subject to any procedural rules that may be adopted by ordinance.

(ii) The determination of the appointing entity under subdivision (d)(2)(A)(i) of this section shall be made at the first regular meeting of the quorum court in its organizational ordinance.

(B) A regular committee or special committee of the quorum court shall not consist of more than a quorum of the whole body without the consent of the county judge or the quorum court by majority vote.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(e), concerning procedural rules and attendance at meetings, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Procedural Rules and Attendance at Meetings.

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the quorum court of each county shall determine at the first regular meeting its rules of procedure, whether by Robert's Rules of Order or otherwise, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

(2) The determination of rules of procedure under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be made at the first regular meeting of the quorum court in its organizational ordinance."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Baine
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