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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1201

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF A
10 COUNTY QUORUM COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF A
15 COUNTY QUORUM COURT.
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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 § 14-14-805(6), concerning powers of a quorum
21 court, is amended to read as follows:

22 (6) Any legislative act that defines as an offense conduct made
23 criminal by state law, that defines an offense as a felony, or that fixes the
24 penalty or sentence for a misdemeanor in excess of a fine of ~~five hundred~~
25 ~~dollars (\$500)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any one (1) specified
26 offense or violation, or double that sum for repetition of the offense or
27 violation. If an act prohibited or rendered unlawful is, in its nature,
28 continuous in respect to time, the fine or penalty for allowing the
29 continuance ~~thereof~~ of the prohibited or unlawful act, in violation of the
30 ordinance, shall not exceed ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)~~ five hundred
31 dollars (\$500) for each day that it ~~may be~~ is unlawfully continued;
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(a), concerning procedures of the
34 quorum court, is amended to read as follows:

35 (a) Time and Place of Quorum Court Assembly.

36 (1)(A)(i) The justices of the peace elected in each county shall



1 assemble and organize as a county quorum court body on a ~~date chosen by the~~
 2 ~~county judge and held within five (5) days, excepting holidays, the first~~
 3 regular meeting date after the beginning of the justices' term in office.

4 (ii) ~~If the first meeting is not held on the quorum~~
 5 ~~court's established regular meeting day, the quorum court may declare the~~
 6 ~~first meeting to be in lieu of the established January meeting~~ Alternatively,
 7 the county judge may schedule the biennial meeting date of the quorum court
 8 on a date in January other than the first regular meeting date of the quorum
 9 court after the beginning of the justices' term.

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

14 ~~(ii)(a) The time and place of the initial assembly~~
 15 ~~of justices shall be designated by written notice of the county judge.~~

16 ~~(b) Thereafter, the justices shall meet as a~~
 17 ~~quorum court at a regular time and place established by ordinance.~~

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

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