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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1313

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING POLLING PLACES FOR
9 CITY ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING POLLING PLACES
14 FOR CITY ELECTIONS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-203 is amended to read as follows:
20 14-42-203. Special elections of city mayors.

21 (a) ~~Special elections of mayors~~ A special election for mayor of cities
22 a city of the first class ~~and or cities~~ a city of the second class shall be
23 held ~~at such time and place as the council directs in accordance with~~ as
24 provided by § 7-11-101 et seq.

25 (b) ~~In all cities there shall be a place appointed in each ward for~~
26 ~~holding elections, except in cities of the second class electing their~~
27 ~~aldermen citywide, where there may be one (1) public place only for holding~~
28 ~~elections.~~

29 (c) ~~Any~~

30 (b) A person shall not vote in a special election for municipal
31 offices unless person who, at the time of the election ~~of municipal officers,~~
32 ~~is a~~ he or she is:

33 (1) A qualified elector and registered; and

34 (2) Registered to vote in the city precinct where he or she
35 ~~resides shall be deemed a qualified elector~~ the election is held.

36 (d)(c) ~~All elections~~ A special election for a municipal officer shall



1 be ~~held and~~ conducted in the manner ~~prescribed~~ provided by law for holding
 2 conducting state and county elections, ~~so far as the laws may be applicable.~~

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 4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-43-307(a), concerning election of
 5 aldermen in cities of the first class, is amended to read as follows:

6 (a)(1) ~~Candidates~~ A person shall not run as a candidate for the office
 7 of alderman in ~~cities~~ a city of the first class ~~shall reside unless he or she~~
 8 resides in the ward ~~from~~ for which ~~they seek~~ he or she seeks ~~to be elected~~
 9 election ~~and shall run at large.~~

10 (2)(A) ~~All of the qualified electors of these cities shall be~~
 11 ~~entitled to~~ A qualified elector from any ward in the city holding the
 12 election may vote in the election for alderman.

13 (B)(i) ~~Provisions shall be made by the~~ The election
 14 commissioners in ~~these cities so that the qualified electors of each ward~~
 15 ~~shall have~~ the county containing the city holding the election shall make at
 16 least one (1) ~~voting precinct in each ward~~ polling place in the city
 17 available where the resident electors thereof may cast their ballots.

18 (ii) ~~Cities of the second class that elect their~~
 19 ~~aldermen citywide may have one (1) public place only for holding elections.~~

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 21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-44-103(b), concerning election of
 22 aldermen, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b)(1)(A) ~~A~~ Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a
 24 person shall not run as candidate for the office of alderman in a city of the
 25 second class ~~shall reside unless he or she resides~~ in the ward from which he
 26 or she seeks to be elected ~~shall run for election at large, except if the~~
 27 ~~alderman is elected by ward under subsection (c) of this section.~~

28 (B) ~~All of the~~ A qualified electors ~~of~~ elector from any
 29 ward in the city ~~shall be entitled to~~ may vote in the election.

30 (C) ~~Provision shall be made by the~~ The election
 31 commissioners in ~~these cities so that the qualified electors of the city each~~
 32 ~~ward shall have~~ the county containing the city holding the election shall
 33 make at least one (1) ~~voting precinct in each ward~~ polling place in the city
 34 available where the resident electors thereof may cast their ballots.

35 (2) ~~If any duly elected~~ an alderman ~~shall cease~~ ceases to reside
 36 in the ward from which he or she was elected, ~~that person~~ he or she shall be

1 disqualified ~~to hold~~ from holding the office and creating a vacancy ~~shall~~
2 ~~exist, which~~ that shall be filled as ~~prescribed~~ provided by law.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-44-103(d), concerning election of
5 aldermen, is repealed.

6 ~~(d) Cities of the second class that elect their aldermen citywide may~~
7 ~~have one (1) public place only for holding elections.~~

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