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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2229

5 By: Representative Wright  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR AN  
10 ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN A CITY  
11 MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR  
16 AN ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF  
17 GOVERNMENT IN A CITY MANAGER FORM OF  
18 GOVERNMENT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a) and (b), concerning petitions  
24 for an election on aldermanic form of government in a city manager form of  
25 government, are amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) After the expiration of six (6) years after the date on which  
27 the first board of directors takes office in a city organized under this  
28 chapter, a petition may be presented to the mayor. It shall be signed by  
29 electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of  
30 ballots cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for which~~  
31 ~~the greatest number of ballots were cast of mayor in the~~ immediately  
32 preceding mayoral general election. Whereupon, the mayor by proclamation  
33 shall submit the question of organization of the city under the aldermanic  
34 form of government at a special election to be held in accordance with § 7-  
35 11-201 et seq.

36 (2) The proclamation shall be published at length one (1) time



1 in some newspaper published in the city ~~for one (1) time~~. Notice of the  
2 election shall be published in some newspaper published in the city one (1)  
3 time a week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than  
4 fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election. No other notice of  
5 the election shall be necessary.

6 (b) If the plan is not adopted by a majority of the voters voting upon  
7 that issue at the special election called, the question of adopting the  
8 aldermanic form of government shall not be resubmitted to the voters of the  
9 city for adoption within four (4) years thereafter. Then the question to  
10 adopt shall be resubmitted upon the presentation to the mayor of a petition  
11 signed by electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate  
12 number of votes cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for~~  
13 ~~which the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in *the* immediately  
14 *preceding* mayoral general election.

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