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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1413

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5 By: Representatives Baine, Neal, *Lemons*
6 By: *Senator Hester*

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION
10 AND OPERATION OF A QUORUM COURT; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
15 ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF A QUORUM
16 COURT.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

24 *(a) Time and Place of Quorum Court Assembly.*

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

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

34 *(iii) The organizational ordinance adopted at the*
35 *first regular meeting of the quorum court shall be effective upon adoption.*

36 *(B) Thereafter, the justices shall assemble each calendar*



1 month at a regular time and place as established by ordinance and in their
2 respective counties to perform the duties of a quorum court, except that more
3 frequent meetings may be required by ordinance.

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

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(e), concerning procedural rules
10 and attendance at meetings, is amended to read as follows:

11 (e) Procedural Rules and Attendance at Meetings.

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

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

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21 /s/Baine

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24 **APPROVED: 04/07/2015**