

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

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

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION WITHIN  
9 ONE-HALF MILE OF A STATE PARK; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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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 § 14-40-205 is amended to read as follows:

21 14-40-205. Territory within one-half mile of state park.

22 (a) ~~None of the~~ The annexation laws of this state ~~shall have any~~  
23 ~~application~~ do not apply in the area within one-half mile of the boundaries  
24 of ~~any a~~ state park located in a county with a population in excess of three  
25 hundred fifty thousand (350,000) ~~persons~~ unless ~~the~~ ;

26 (1) The annexation is approved by a majority of the voters  
27 residing within ~~such the~~ the one-half mile area, ~~the~~ ;

28 (2) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of a  
29 navigable river from the state park, ~~or the~~ ;

30 (3) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of and south  
31 of an existing railroad right-of-way from the state park; or

32 (4) The area to be annexed contains a public or private school.

33 (b)(1) ~~Any An~~ order of the county court issued in contradiction ~~hereof~~  
34 of this section is void if the order is issued after August 1, 1997.

35 (2) ~~However, if any A~~ county court order ~~was~~ issued after August  
36 1, 1997, annexing an area on the opposite side of and south of an existing



1 railroad right-of-way from a state park, ~~then the county court order is~~  
2 ~~declared~~ valid and not void.

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