

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-080

State of Arkansas

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86th General Assembly

**A Bill**

Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 2584

By: Representative Ragland

Referred to

City, County & Local Affairs Committee- House

by the House of Representatives

on 04/02/2007

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING TOWNSHIPS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT CONCERNING TOWNSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-401 is amended to read as follows:

14-14-401. Establishment - Townships continued.

(a) Each county of the state shall divide its land area into convenient county quorum court districts in a manner and at times prescribed by the General Assembly.

(b) The county court of each county in this state shall have the authority to divide the county into convenient townships, ~~subdivide those already established~~ and alter township lines.

(c) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court to enter on the minutes of the court a description of each township established by the court, containing the name and boundaries of the township and the place appointed for holding elections; and shall also note in the minutes every alteration that is made in any township lines.

(d) The clerk of the county court shall within thirty (30) days after

1 establishing any new township or altering any existing township line, provide  
2 the Secretary of State a certified copy of the record made.

3 (e) If any county clerk in this state has not furnished the Secretary  
4 of State with a description of the ~~several~~ townships in the county, it shall  
5 be the duty of the county court to direct the clerk of that court to provide  
6 the Secretary of State with the description.

7 ~~(f) Whenever the county court of any county in this state orders the~~  
8 ~~formation of one (1) or more new townships or changes the boundary lines of~~  
9 ~~any of the townships in the county, which formation or change shall require~~  
10 ~~additional township officers, the additional township officer or officers~~  
11 ~~shall be filled in accordance with Arkansas Constitution, Article 7, § 50.~~

12 (f) The county court of each county shall divide the county into  
13 townships of approximately equal size based on the following classifications  
14 under § 14-14-1204(b):

15 (1) Classes one through three (1 - 3) shall have no more than  
16 two (2) townships;

17 (2) Classes four (4) and five (5) shall have no more than four  
18 (4) townships; and

19 (3) Classes six (6) and seven (7) shall have no more than eight  
20 (8) townships.

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22 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY.

23 Arkansas Code § 14-40-401(f) initially shall be implemented after  
24 January 1, 2008, and before July 1, 2008. At the regular November 2008  
25 general election, the qualified electors of each township shall elect a  
26 township officer under this section, and the officer shall take office  
27 January 1, 2009.

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29 /s/ Ragland  
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