

Federal Mandates for Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity

1. Overview of complying with the mandate for traffic sign retroreflectivity.
 - a. Jan. 2012 have a written road sign plan
 - b. Jan. 2015 replace all regulatory and informational signs
 - c. Jan. 2018 replace all street signs

2. Impact to county government to comply
 - a. Benton County has approx. 2500 regulatory signs
 - b. Benton County has approx. 4100 street signs
 - c. Materials for the new high prismatic signs cost \$30 to \$40 per sign
 - d. Labor to make signs, install signs, and fuel and truck cost will be near \$70 per sign
 - e. Cost to Benton County to comply, 6600 signs @ \$100/sign = \$66000.00

3.
 - a. H.R. 2442. Rural County Mandate Relief Act of 2011 was introduced on July 7.
 - b. Benton County Quorum Court passed a resolution in support of H.R. 2442

RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-__

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BENTON,
STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RURAL COUNTY MANDATE
RELIEF ACT OF 2011**

WHEREAS, in 1992, the United States Congress passed and the President signed Public Law 102-388, which in § 406(a) provided that the Secretary of Transportation was authorized to revise the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" to include a standard for a minimum level of **retroreflectivity** that must be maintained for pavement markings and signs, which shall apply to all roads open to public travel; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation has made such revisions to the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" which would affect Benton County due to new standards regarding signage; and

WHEREAS, the County administration has indicated that compliance with the revisions to the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices" would place a large burden on County financial resources; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2442, the Rural County Mandate Relief Act of 2011 has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives, the effect of which would be to repeal Section 406(a) of Public Law 102-388.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF BENTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS**

ARTICLE 1. That Benton County, Arkansas, hereby calls on the United States Congress to adopt and the President to sign H.R. 2442, known as the Rural County Mandate Relief Act of 2011.

ARTICLE 2. That the County Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the two Senators and four Representatives representing the State of Arkansas in the United States Congress, and also to the President of the United States.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

APPROVED:

ROBERT CLINARD, COUNTY JUDGE

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

TENA O'BRIEN, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: JP Dan Douglas

DATE ADOPTED: _____

Votes For: _____ Votes Against: _____

Abstain: _____ Present: _____ Absent: _____

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2442

To eliminate Federal mandates for traffic sign retroreflectivity, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2011

Mr. CRAVAACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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retroreflectivity, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural County Mandate
5 Relief Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL MANDATES FOR TRAF-**
7 **FIC SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY.**

8 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that it should be the
9 responsibility of State and local governments to ensure

1 that their traffic signs provide necessary levels of
2 retroreflectivity.

3 (b) GENERAL RULE.—The Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation may not issue, implement, or enforce a minimum
5 retroreflectivity level standard for a traffic control device
6 that is applicable to a State or local government.

7 (c) MODIFICATION OF MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAF-
8 FIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.—
9 The Secretary shall modify the Manual on Uniform Traf-
10 fic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2009 Edi-
11 tion (incorporated by reference in part 655 of title 23,
12 Code of Federal Regulations), to eliminate the minimum
13 retroreflectivity level standards for traffic control devices
14 contained in section 2A.08 of such Manual and the sched-
15 ule for the implementation of such standards contained
16 in table I-2 of such Manual.

17 (d) REPEAL.—Section 406(a) of Public Law 102-388
18 (106 Stat. 1564) is repealed.

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