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HOUSE BILL 1164

By: Representative Hatfield AS ENGROSSED 2/19/87

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY CITY IN WHICH A MUNICIPAL COURT HAS BEEN CREATED OR IS HEREAFTER CREATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 60 OF 1927 AS AMENDED, OR ANY OTHER GENERAL LAW AUTHORIZING OR PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COURT MAY BY ORDINANCE PRESCRIBE THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE JUDGE OF SUCH COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. The governing body of any city in which a municipal court has been created or is hereafter created under the provisions of Act 60 of 1927 as amended, or any other general law authorizing or providing for the establishment of a municipal court, may by ordinance provide that the judge of such court shall thereafter be elected by the electors of the entire county or in the event the county is divided into two judicial districts by the electors of the judicial district in which the municipality creating the court is located. A governing body of any city changing the method of election of the judge under the provisions of this Act shall thereafter be powerless to select a method of election which would be by electors of the municipality only.

When the governing body of any municipality enacts an ordinance changing the method of electing the judge of the municipal court of the municipality, such ordinance shall be applicable with respect to the election of the judge of said court next following the expiration of the current term of the judge of said court. Any candidate for judge shall meet all requirements now set by law but residency of the municipality shall no longer be a requirement.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

/s/Kevin Hatfield