

State of Arkansas  
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By: Representative Baker

HOUSE BILL 1551

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3 OF ACT 484 OF 1965 AS AMENDED,  
[ARK. STATS. 19-1002.7] RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN  
IN CITIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CLASS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Act 484 of 1965 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 19-1002.7, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Candidates for the office of alderman in cities of the first and second class shall reside in the ward from which they seek to be elected, and shall run at large, and all of the qualified electors of such cities shall be entitled to vote in such election.

Provisions shall be made by the election commissioners in any such cities so that the qualified electors of each ward shall have at least one (1) voting precinct in each ward where the resident electors thereof may cast their ballot. Provided, however, cities of the second class that elect their aldermen citywide may have one (1) public place only for holding elections.

Provided, however, that the city council of any such city is empowered and authorized to provide by ordinance that all aldermen be elected by ward in which event each alderman shall be voted upon by the qualified electors of the ward from which such person is a candidate, and when so provided by city ordinance the name of such candidate shall appear upon the ballot only in the ward in which he is a candidate. Provided further that the city council of such cities may provide for the election of one alderman from each ward citywide and the other aldermen from each ward by the voters of the ward only. Provided, further, that all such cities choosing to elect all aldermen by wards or part by wards shall provide, in the manner provided by law, for the establishment of wards of substantially equal population in order that each

alderman, or aldermen, elected from each ward shall represent substantially the same number of people in the city.

Provided further, that the city council of any city of the first class having a population of 5,000 or less may by ordinance provide for the election of all aldermen of such city from the city at large by the qualified electors of the entire city."

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

