

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1866

By: Representative Northcutt

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
PERTAINING TO MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-283-101 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"14-283-101. Petition for special election. (a) When petitions are filed with the county court of any county containing the signatures of ten percent (10%) or more of the qualified electors of all or any defined part of any county, or all or any defined part of any city, as determined by the number of votes cast by the qualified electors of the county, city, or designated portion thereof, for all candidates for Governor at the last preceding general election, requesting the establishment of a mosquito abatement district in the county or a designated portion of the county or in the city or designated portion of the city and requesting that assessed benefits be made on the property located in the district to finance the operation of the district, the county court shall call a special election in the county, city, or designated area of the city to determine whether a mosquito abatement district shall be established for the area.

(b) Petitions filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall specifically define the area proposed to be included in a mosquito abatement district and shall specify the maximum assessed benefits or taxes which may be levied against property within the district for the support of the district. In no event shall the assessed benefits in any district exceed an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the assessed valuation of real property in the district.

(c) The quorum court of the county may on its own motion enact an

ordinance directing the county court to call a special election in the county, city, or designated area of the city to determine whether a mosquito abatement district shall be established for the area."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-283-106 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"14-283-106. Preparation of plans - Assessors and assessments generally.

(a) As soon as is practical after its establishment, the board shall shall prepare plans for providing mosquito abatement services and for acquiring the property and equipment necessary to carry out the purposes of the district.

(b) The county assessors shall assess the annual benefits which will accrue to the real property within the district from the providing of mosquito abatement services.

(c) The original assessment of benefits and any reassessment shall be advertised and equalized in the same manner as provided in this chapter, and owners of all property whose assessment has been raised shall have the right to be heard and to appeal from the decision of the assessor, as provided in this chapter.

(d) The assessor shall place opposite each tract the name of the supposed owner, as shown by the last county assessment, but a mistake in the name shall not void the assessment, and the assessor shall correct errors which occur in the county assessment list.

(e) The assessments levied under this act shall be collected by the county collector in the same manner as property taxes."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.