

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Lewellen**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

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## 7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS SHALL  
9 HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO REGULATE OR CONTROL THE AMOUNT  
10 CHARGED FOR RENTING OR LEASING PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL OR  
11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## 13 **Subtitle**

14 "RENT CONTROL PREEMPTION ACT."

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

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18 SECTION 1. As used in this act, "local governmental unit" means a  
19 political subdivision of this state, including, but not limited to, a county,  
20 city, village, or township, if the political subdivision provides local  
21 government services for residents in a geographically limited area of this  
22 state as its primary purpose and has the power to act primarily on behalf of  
23 that area.

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25 SECTION 2. A local governmental unit shall not enact, maintain, or  
26 enforce an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling  
27 the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial  
28 property.

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30 SECTION 3. This act does not impair the right of any local governmental  
31 unit to manage and control residential property in which the local  
32 governmental unit has a property interest.

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34 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
10 hereby repealed.

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