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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1024

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-101(a) TO REQUIRE A
9 PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOUNDARY OF AN EXISTING ELECTION
10 PRECINCT IS CHANGED, A NEW PRECINCT IS CREATED, OR THE
11 VOTING PLACE OF ANY PRECINCT IS CHANGED; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING
16 BEFORE THE BOUNDARY OF AN EXISTING
17 ELECTION PRECINCT IS CHANGED, A NEW
18 PRECINCT IS CREATED, OR THE VOTING PLACE
19 OF ANY PRECINCT IS CHANGED."

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-101 (a) is amended to read as follows:

25 "(a)(1) The county board of election commissioners are empowered to
26 alter the boundaries of existing election precincts and to establish new ones
27 when, in their judgment, it may be necessary.

28 (2) The county board of election commissioners shall fix a voting
29 place for each election precinct. The commissioners may combine voting places
30 for two (2) or more precincts, when, in their judgment, it may be necessary.

31 (3) In changing the boundaries of existing precincts, or in
32 creating new ones, the commissioners shall arrange them so that all qualified
33 voters residing therein may vote on the same day.

34 (4) The commissioners shall not have the power to change the
35 boundaries of existing precincts, to create any new precinct, or to change the
36 voting place in any precinct, within thirty (30) days of any election, but all

1 elections shall be held at the places, and within the boundaries, as they
 2 existed thirty (30) days before the date of the election.

3 (5) Except in the case of an emergency, before the boundary of an
 4 existing precinct is changed, a new precinct is created, or the voting place
 5 of any precinct is changed, the commissioners shall hold a public hearing on
 6 the issue. The commissioners shall give the public at least thirty (30) days
 7 notice before the hearing."

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9 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
 10 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
 11 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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19 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 20 hereby repealed.

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