

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1740

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5 By: Representative Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-14-401 PERTAINING TO THE
10 ALTERATION OF TOWNSHIPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 TOWNSHIPS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-14-401 is amended to read as follows:

20 "§ 14-14-401. Establishment - Townships continued.

21 (a) Each county of the state shall divide its land area into convenient
22 county quorum court districts in a manner and at times prescribed by the
23 General Assembly.

24 (b) ~~The political townships of the respective counties of this state~~
25 ~~which were in effect at the time of the adoption of Arkansas Constitution,~~
26 ~~Amendment 55, as they have been or may hereafter be altered in the manner~~
27 ~~authorized by law in effect on the effective date of Amendment 55, are~~
28 ~~continued for such purposes as is or may be prescribed by the Arkansas~~
29 ~~Constitution or by law and for such other purposes as may be appropriate. The~~
30 county court of each county in this state shall have the authority to divide
31 the county into convenient townships, subdivide those already established and
32 alter township lines.

33 (c) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court to enter on
34 the minutes of the court a description of each township established by the
35 court, containing the name and boundaries of the township and the place
36 appointed for holding elections; and shall also note in the minutes every

1 alteration that is made in any township lines.

2 (d) The clerk of the county court shall within thirty (30) days after
3 establishing any new township or altering any existing township line, provide
4 the Secretary of State a certified copy of the record made.

5 (e) If any county clerk in this state has not furnished the Secretary
6 of State with a description of the several townships in the county, it shall
7 be the duty of the county court to direct the clerk of that court to provide
8 the Secretary of State with the description.

9 (f) Whenever the county court of any county in this state orders the
10 formation of one or more new townships or changes the boundary lines of any of
11 the townships in the county, which formation or change shall require
12 additional township officers, the additional township officer or officers
13 shall be filled in accordance with Article 7, § 50 of the Arkansas
14 Constitution.

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

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

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

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/s/Rep. Malone

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