

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 721

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5 By: Senator Walker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PERMIT CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF 50,000 OR
10 MORE TO ESTABLISH A CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD TO REVIEW
11 COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER
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Subtitle

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18 REVIEW COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE
19 OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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23 SECTION 1. (a) Cities having a population of fifty thousand (50,000)
24 or more persons may establish a citizen's review board to review complaints
25 filed with the police department against police officers.

26 (b) The citizen's review board shall have the power to subpoena
27 witnesses and documents collected and in the possession of the police
28 department.

29 (c)(1) The citizens review board shall consist of at least five (5)
30 members but no more than nine (9) members.

31 (2) The citizens review board shall be appointed by the city board of
32 the city.

33 (3) The membership of the board shall be reflective of the ethnic
34 diversity of the city.

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36 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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11 hereby repealed.

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/s/Walker

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