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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 741

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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 AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §§ 14-51-201 AND  
10 14-51-301 PERTAINING TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONS FOR  
11 CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF 50,000 OR MORE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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15 "TO AMEND A.C.A. §§ 14-51-201 AND 14-51-  
16 301 PERTAINING TO CIVIL SERVICE  
17 COMMISSIONS FOR CITIES HAVING A  
18 POPULATION OF 50,000 OR MORE."  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-51-201(c) is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 "(c)(1) In all cities of the first class having a civil service system,  
25 the governing body may, by ordinance, add two (2) more members to its civil  
26 service commission. The law applicable to the commission shall apply to the  
27 additional members, except that in each such city, the first two (2)  
28 additional members appointed pursuant to this subsection shall serve staggered  
29 terms to be determined by lot so that one (1) will serve a three-year term and  
30 one (1) a six-year term, and their successors shall serve six-year terms.

31 (2) In all cities having a population of fifty thousand (50,000)  
32 or more persons and having a civil service system, the governing body may, by  
33 ordinance, add four (4) more members to its civil service commission. The law  
34 applicable to the commission shall apply to the additional members, except  
35 that in each such city, the first four (4) additional members appointed  
36 pursuant to this subsection shall serve staggered terms to be determined by

1 lot so that two (2) will serve a three-year term and two (2) a six-year term,  
2 and their successors shall serve six-year terms."

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-51-301, pertaining to rules and regulations  
5 that shall be issued by the civil service commission of cities of the first  
6 class, is amended to add the following new subsection to read as follows:

7 <sup>Ⓐ</sup>(d) In addition to the other rules required by this section, the  
8 board of a city having a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more persons  
9 shall prescribe rules providing for a review of complaints filed by any  
10 citizen pursuant to rules promulgated by the commission, including rules that  
11 give the commission authority to consider certain personnel issues in  
12 executive session and to establish any necessary appellate procedures.'

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

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

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24 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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/s/Walker

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