

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

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82nd General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL 2071

By: Representatives Willis, King

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTIONS SHALL BE CALLED WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COUNTY SALES AND USE TAXES UPON PETITION OF THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE COUNTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

"TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTIONS SHALL BE CALLED WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COUNTY SALES AND USE TAXES UPON PETITION OF THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE COUNTY. "

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-74-207 is amended to read as follows:

"26-74-207. Call for tax election.

(a) The county quorum courts may call an election for the levy of a countywide sales and use tax in the amount of one-fourth of one percent (.25%), one-half of one percent (0.5%), three-fourths of one percent (.75%), or one percent (1%). The election shall be held within one hundred twenty (120) days of the ordinance calling the election.

(b) If petitions are filed requesting an election on the question of the levy of the tax authorized under this subchapter, the quorum court shall submit the question of the levying of the tax to the electors. The petitions must be signed by a number of the legal voters in the county which shall be no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the number of votes cast for the office of circuit clerk at the last preceding general election. The election shall be held within one hundred twenty (120) days of the filing of the petitions.

~~(b)(c)~~ The quorum courts shall notify their respective county board of election commissioners that the measure has been referred to the vote of the people and shall submit a copy of the ballot title to their respective boards. "

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

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

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

/s/ Willis