

State of Arkansas  
82nd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2119

By: Representative Booker

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REINSTATE THE PRIOR STATUTORY PROVISION  
THAT SET AT 500 THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO  
PLACE UPON THE BALLOT FOR VOTER APPROVAL ANY ORDINANCE  
ENACTED BY A MUNICIPALITY TO INCREASE THE LOCAL GROSS  
RECEIPTS TAX THAT IS IMPOSED UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS  
RECEIVED FROM THE RENTING OR LEASING OF HOTEL OR MOTEL  
ROOMS, OR THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES BY  
RESTAURANTS, CONVENIENCE STORES, CARRY OUT  
RESTAURANTS, ETC., WHICH PROVISION WAS ORIGINALLY  
ENACTED IN 1989, BUT WHICH PROVISION WAS REPEALED BY  
ACT 931 OF 1995; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO REINSTATE THE NUMBER OF VOTER  
SIGNATURES NEEDED ON THE REFERENDUM ON A  
LOCAL HOTEL AND RESTAURANT GROSS  
RECEIPTS TAX."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-75-602 is amended by adding, after  
subsection (c), the following subdivision:

"(d) An ordinance levying a tax as authorized in this section shall be  
subject to referendum in the manner prescribed in the Arkansas Constitution,  
Amendment 7, or upon petitions containing five hundred (500) signatures of  
qualified electors of the city requesting a referendum and filed with the  
governing body of the city within thirty (30) days after adoption of the

1 levying ordinance."

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

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

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14 hereby repealed.