

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2143

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5 By: Representative T. Thomas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO REINSTATE THE PRIOR STATUTORY PROVISION
10 THAT SET AT FIVE HUNDRED (500) THE NUMBER OF
11 SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO PLACE UPON THE BALLOT FOR VOTER
12 APPROVAL ANY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY A MUNICIPALITY TO
13 INCREASE THE LOCAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX THAT IS IMPOSED
14 UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS RECEIVED FROM THE RENTING OR
15 LEASING OF HOTEL OR MOTEL ROOMS, OR THE SALE OF
16 PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES BY RESTAURANTS,
17 CONVENIENCE STORES, CARRYOUT RESTAURANTS, ETC., WHICH
18 PROVISION WAS ORIGINALLY ENACTED IN 1989, BUT WHICH
19 PROVISION WAS REPEALED BY ACT 931 OF 1995; AND FOR
20 OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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

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

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 26-75-602 is amended to add the following:

32 "(d) An ordinance levying a tax as authorized in this section shall be
33 subject to referendum in the manner prescribed in Arkansas Constitution,
34 Amendment 7, or upon petitions containing five hundred (500) signatures of
35 qualified electors of the city requesting a referendum and filed with the
36 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.