

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 153

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5 By: Senator Mahony  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-43-501 TO CLARIFY  
10 THE VOTE OF THE MAYOR IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS; TO  
11 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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14 "TO CLARIFY THE VOTE OF THE MAYOR IN  
15 CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-43-501(b), regarding the role of the mayor  
21 on the city council in cities of the first class in Arkansas, is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 "(b)(1)(A) The mayor shall be ex officio president of the council and  
24 shall preside at its meetings.

25 (B) The mayor shall have a vote to establish a quorum of  
26 the council and when his vote is needed to pass any ordinance, bylaw,  
27 resolution, order, or motion.

28 (2) In the absence of the mayor, the council shall elect a  
29 president pro tempore."  
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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
3 act are declared to be severable.

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6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
9 Eighty-second General Assembly that there are certain cities in Arkansas whose  
10 governing bodies have not been able to meet due to a lack of quorum and that  
11 those cities have been unable to enact legislation or to conduct municipal  
12 business which is necessary to the operation of the city and its provision of  
13 necessary services to the citizens of the city. Therefore, an emergency is  
14 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the  
15 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on  
16 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor  
17 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the  
18 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is  
19 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective  
20 on the date the last house overrides the veto.