

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: H2/8/01
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1379

5 By: Representative King
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-43-312 TO GIVE CITIES
10 OF THE FIRST CLASS THE OPTION OF ELECTING ALDERMEN TO
11 STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO GIVE CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS THE
15 OPTION OF ELECTING ALDERMEN TO STAGGERED
16 FOUR-YEAR TERMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-43-312(a) is amended to read as follows:

22 (a)(1) On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1966, and
23 every two (2) years thereafter, the qualified voters of all cities of the
24 first class with less than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants having the
25 mayor-council form of government shall elect two (2) aldermen from each ward
26 for a term of two (2) years, except that any city of the first class may, by
27 ordinance, refer the question to voters to elect one alderman from each ward
28 to four-year terms as more particularly set out in (a)(2).

29 (2) Any city of the first class may, by ordinance referred to and
30 approved by the voters at the previous general election, or at a special
31 election called for that purpose, on or before February 1 of the election year
32 when the procedure will go into effect, elect one alderman from each ward to
33 four-year terms, except as provided in (a)(3).

34 (3) If such procedure is adopted by ordinance referred to and
35 approved by the voters of the city, the alderman representing Position #1 from
36 each ward will be elected to a four-year term at the next general election.

1 The Position #2 alderman from each ward will be elected to a two-year term at
2 the next election, and thereafter will be elected to four-year terms,
3 resulting in staggered terms with one (1) alderman being elected to a four-
4 year term from each ward every two (2) years.

5 /s/ King

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