

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: S1/29/01 S2/1/01

A Bill

SENATE BILL 47

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 TO CLARIFY THE VOTE OF THE MAYOR IN
15 CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.
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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 14-43-501(b), regarding the role of the mayor
22 on the city council in cities of the first class in Arkansas, is amended to
23 read as follows:

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

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

29 (2) In the absence of the mayor, the council shall elect a
30 president pro tempore.
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32 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
33 Eighty-third General Assembly that there are certain cities in Arkansas whose
34 governing bodies have not been able to meet due to a lack of quorum and that
35 those cities have been unable to enact legislation or to conduct municipal
36 business which is necessary to the operation of the city and its provision of

1 necessary services to the citizens of the city. Therefore, an emergency is
2 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
3 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on
4 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor
5 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
6 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
7 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
8 on the date the last house overrides the veto.

9 */s/ J. Jeffress*

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