

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: S2/19/03
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1234

5 By: Representative Gipson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-45-102 TO
10 PROVIDE INCORPORATED TOWNS WITH THE OPTION OF
11 ELECTING ALDERMEN TO STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ALLOW INCORPORATED TOWNS THE OPTION
15 OF ELECTING ALDERMEN TO STAGGERED FOUR-
16 YEAR TERMS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-45-102 is amended to read as follows:
23 14-45-102. Election of aldermen.

24 (a)(1) The Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section,
25 the qualified voters of incorporated towns shall, on the Tuesday following
26 the first Monday in November 1982, and every two (2) years thereafter, elect
27 five (5) aldermen.

28 (2)(A) The town council of an incorporated town may refer to
29 voters an ordinance on the question of electing the five (5) aldermen to
30 four-year terms.

31 (B)(i) The voters shall vote on the ordinance at a general
32 election, or at a special election called for that purpose.

33 (ii) However, the election to approve the four-year
34 election procedure shall be held no later than February 1 of the year of the
35 general election in which the procedure is proposed to be effective.

36 (C)(i) If this procedure is adopted by ordinance referred



1 to and approved by the voters of the town, the initial terms for aldermen
2 representing positions numbered 1, 3 and 5 shall be a four-year term at the
3 next general election.

4 (ii) The initial terms for aldermen representing
5 positions numbered 2 and 4 shall be a two-year term at the next general
6 election, and thereafter shall be a four-year term, resulting in staggered
7 terms.

8 (D)(i) The town council may refer to voters an ordinance
9 on the question of returning the town to electing aldermen to two-year terms
10 using the procedures of this subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

11 (ii) If the voters approve returning a town to two-
12 year terms, all aldermen shall be elected to two-year terms at the next
13 general election and thereafter.

14 (E) The town council may not refer to voters another
15 question on electing aldermen to four-year terms or on returning the town to
16 electing aldermen to two-year terms unless at least four (4) years has passed
17 since the last election on changing the aldermanic terms.

18 (b) The county board of election commissioners shall designate the
19 five (5) aldermen to aldermanic position numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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21 /s/ Gipson
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