

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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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1287

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF CITY  
10 COUNCILS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF  
14 CITY COUNCILS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-501 is amended to read as follows:  
20 14-43-501. Organization of city council.

21 (a)(1) The aldermen elected for each city or town shall annually, at  
22 the first council meeting in January, assemble and organize the city council.

23 (2)(A) A majority of the whole number of aldermen shall be  
24 necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

25 (B) They shall be judges of the election returns and of  
26 the qualifications of their own members.

27 (C) They shall determine the rules of their proceedings  
28 and keep a journal thereof, which shall be open to the inspection and  
29 examination of any citizen. They may also compel the attendance of absent  
30 members in such manner and under such penalties as they shall think fit to  
31 prescribe.

32 (D) They may consider the passage of rules and regulations  
33 on the following subjects, including, but not limited to:

34 (i) The agenda for meetings;

35 (ii) The filing of resolutions and ordinances; and

36 (iii) Citizen commentary.



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

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

6 (2) In the absence of the mayor, the city council shall elect a  
7 president pro tempore.

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