

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2005  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2049

5 By: Representative Jeffrey  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF ELECTION  
10 EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 AN ACT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF ELECTION  
13 EXPENSES.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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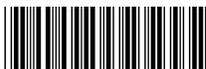
19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-104 is amended to read as follows:  
20 7-5-104. Election expenses – Allocation.

21 (a)(1) All expenses of general elections for presidential,  
22 congressional, state, district, county, township, or municipal offices in  
23 this state shall be paid by the counties in which they are held.

24 (2) However, any city or incorporated town shall reimburse the  
25 county board of election commissioners for the expenses of ~~any election~~ the  
26 elections in an amount equal to a figure derived by multiplying fifty percent  
27 (50%) of the total cost of ~~the~~ each election by a fraction, the numerator of  
28 which shall be the number of voters from the city or incorporated town  
29 casting ballots in ~~the~~ each election prepared by the county board, and the  
30 denominator of which shall be the total number of voters casting ballots in  
31 ~~the~~ each election.

32 (b)(1) Except for the expense of party primary elections under § 7-7-  
33 201, all expenses for special elections, including runoff elections as  
34 required by law, for congressional, state, district, county, and township  
35 offices shall be paid by the counties in which they are held.

36 (2) All expenses of special elections, including any runoff



1 elections as required by law, for municipal offices shall be paid by the city  
2 or incorporated town calling for the elections.

3 (3) All expenses of special elections called by any county for  
4 the purpose of referring a question or measure to the voters of the county  
5 shall be paid by the county.

6 (4) All expenses of special elections called by any city or  
7 incorporated town for the purpose of referring a question or measure to the  
8 voters of the city or incorporated town shall be paid by the city or  
9 incorporated town.

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11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that that the law concerning  
13 allocation of election expenses is in need of revision; that this act  
14 provides for an appropriate allocation; and that this act is immediately  
15 necessary because a delay in its implementation could prevent it from  
16 applying to some elections. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
17 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
18 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

19 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

20 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
21 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
22 bill; or

23 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
24 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

25 /s/ Jeffrey  
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