

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 2731

5 By: Representative Ragland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTABLES AND TOWNSHIPS; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTABLES AND
14 TOWNSHIPS.
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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 § 14-14-401 is amended to read as follows:
20 14-14-401. Establishment - Townships continued.

21 (a) Each county of the state shall divide its land area into
22 convenient county quorum court districts in a manner and at times prescribed
23 by the General Assembly.

24 (b) The county court of each county in this state shall have the
25 authority to divide the county into ~~convenient~~ townships, ~~subdivide those~~
26 ~~already established~~ and alter township lines.

27 (c) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the county court to enter on
28 the minutes of the court a description of each township established by the
29 court, containing the name and boundaries of the township and the place
30 appointed for holding elections; and shall also note in the minutes every
31 alteration that is made in any township lines.

32 (d) The clerk of the county court shall within thirty (30) days after
33 establishing any new township or altering any existing township line, provide
34 the Secretary of State a certified copy of the record made.

35 (e) If any county clerk in this state has not furnished the Secretary
36 of State with a description of the ~~several~~ townships in the county, it shall



1 be the duty of the county court to direct the clerk of that court to provide
2 the Secretary of State with the description.

3 ~~(f) Whenever the county court of any county in this state orders the~~
4 ~~formation of one (1) or more new townships or changes the boundary lines of~~
5 ~~any of the townships in the county, which formation or change shall require~~
6 ~~additional township officers, the additional township officer or officers~~
7 ~~shall be filled in accordance with Arkansas Constitution, Article 7, § 50.~~

8 (f)(1) After January 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2006, the county
9 court of each county shall divide the county into two (2) townships of
10 approximately equal size.

11 (2) At the regular November 2006 general election, the qualified
12 electors of each township shall elect a township officer under this
13 subsection, and the officer shall take office January 1, 2007.

14 (3) Beginning January 1, 2007, there shall be two (2) townships
15 in each county of the State of Arkansas.

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17 /s/ Ragland
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