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A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW MAYOR-COUNCIL CITIES WITH
POPULATIONS OF FEWER THAN 50,000 THE OPTION OF
APPOINTING THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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WITH POPULATIONS OF FEWER THAN 50,000
THE OPTION OF APPOINTING THE CITY
ATTORNEY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-315 is amended to read as follows:

14-43-315. City attorney in mayor-council cities of fewer than 50,000.

(a) If it is not established by ordinance that the office of the city attorney will be appointed, ~~The~~ the qualified voters of cities of the first class having a population of fewer than fifty thousand (50,000) and having the mayor-council form of government shall elect a city attorney for four (4) years on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1970 and every four (4) years thereafter.

(b) Incumbent city attorneys shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

(c)(1) If no attorney residing in the city is elected as city attorney, the city council may select a resident attorney to fill the office for the remainder of the unfilled term.

(2)(A) If no resident attorney of the city is willing to serve



1 as city attorney or if no attorney resides within the limits of the city, the
2 mayor and city council may contract with any licensed attorney of this state
3 or the attorney's firm to serve as legal advisor, counselor, or prosecutor
4 until a qualified city attorney is elected or qualified.

5 (B) The duties of a nonresident attorney under contract
6 shall be prescribed by ordinance.