

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 2584

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

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

12 AN ACT CONCERNING TOWNSHIPS.  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-14-401 is amended to read as follows:  
19 14-14-401. Establishment - Townships continued.

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

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

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

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

34 (e) If any county clerk in this state has not furnished the Secretary  
35 of State with a description of the ~~several~~ townships in the county, it shall  
36 be the duty of the county court to direct the clerk of that court to provide



1 the Secretary of State with the description.

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

7 (f) The county court of each county shall divide the county into  
8 townships of approximately equal size based on the following classifications  
9 under § 14-14-1204(b):

10 (1) Classes one through three (1 - 3) shall have two (2)  
11 townships;

12 (2) Classes four (4) and five (5) shall have four (4) townships;  
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14 (3) Classes six (6) and seven (7) shall have eight (8)  
15 townships.

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17 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY.

18 Arkansas Code § 14-40-401(f) initially shall be implemented after  
19 January 1, 2008, and before July 1, 2008. At the regular November 2008  
20 general election, the qualified electors of each township shall elect a  
21 township officer under this section, and the officer shall take office  
22 January 1, 2009.