

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 no more than
11 two (2) townships;

12 (2) Classes four (4) and five (5) shall have no more than four
13 (4) townships; and

14 (3) Classes six (6) and seven (7) shall have no more than eight
15 (8) 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.

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24 /s/ Ragland
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