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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODERNIZE CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR COUNTIES;  
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

12 TO MODERNIZE CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR  
13 COUNTIES.

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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 § 13-2-401(d), concerning county library  
20 boards, is amended to read as follows:

21 (d)~~(1)~~ In addition to county library boards created under this  
22 section, §§ 13-2-402, and § 13-2-404, a county quorum court may by ordinance  
23 establish a county library board to conduct the affairs of the county  
24 public library or its library services or system in accordance with the  
25 law for establishing other county advisory or administrative boards found  
26 at § 14-14-705.

27 ~~(2) Regardless of the term length, no person, whether a current~~  
28 ~~trustee or a person being considered for appointment as a trustee, who has~~  
29 ~~served two (2) or more consecutive terms shall be eligible for appointment or~~  
30 ~~reappointment to serve until at least one (1) year shall have passed since he~~  
31 ~~or she last served on the board.~~

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1 is amended  
34 to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 14-14-112. Review of audit report by quorum court.

36 (a) Audit reports and accompanying comments and recommendations under



1 § 10-4-418 relating to a county shall be reviewed by the quorum court.

2 (b)(1) The audit report and accompanying comments and recommendations  
3 shall be reviewed at the first regularly scheduled meeting following receipt  
4 of the audit report if the audit report is received by the quorum court at  
5 least ten (10) days before the regularly scheduled meeting.

6 (2) If the audit report is received by the quorum court less  
7 than ten (10) days before a regularly scheduled meeting, the audit report  
8 shall be reviewed at the regularly scheduled meeting falling within the ten-  
9 day period or the next regularly scheduled meeting subsequent to the ten-day  
10 period.

11 (c) The appropriate official shall advise the quorum court concerning  
12 each finding and recommendation contained in the audit report.

13 (d) The minutes of the quorum court shall document the review of the  
14 findings and recommendations of the appropriate official.

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16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(a), concerning procedures of the  
17 quorum court, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) Time and Place of Quorum Court Assembly.

19 (1)(A)(i) The justices of the peace elected in each county  
20 shall assemble and organize as a county quorum court body on a date chosen  
21 by the county judge and held within five (5) days, excepting holidays, after  
22 the beginning of the justices' term in office.

23 (ii) If the first meeting is not held on the quorum  
24 court's established regular meeting day, the quorum court may declare the  
25 first meeting to be in lieu of the established January meeting.

26 (B)(i) Thereafter, the justices shall assemble each  
27 calendar month in their respective counties to perform the duties of a  
28 quorum court, except that more frequent meetings may be required by  
29 ordinance.

30 (ii)(a) The time and place of the initial assembly  
31 of justices shall be designated by written notice of the county judge.

32 (b) Thereafter, the justices shall meet as a  
33 quorum court at a regular time and place established by ordinance.

34 (c) By quorum court procedural ordinance, the  
35 date, place, or time of the regular meeting of the quorum court may be  
36 changed. In the absence of a procedural ordinance, the date, place, or time

1 of the regular meeting of the quorum court may be changed upon twenty four  
2 (24) hour notice from the county judge.

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4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-14-1102(b)(2)(A), concerning exercise  
5 of powers by county judge, is amended to read as follows:

6 (2) Authorization and Approval of the Disbursement of  
7 Appropriated County Funds.

8 (A)(i) All vouchers for the payment of county funds out  
9 of the county treasury shall be approved and filed by the county judge or  
10 his designated representative, who shall be appointed by executive order of  
11 the judge and who shall be bonded in an amount equal to the county judge's  
12 bond in the manner provided by law.

13 (ii) Approval for payment shall be signified by the  
14 ~~manual~~ signature of the county judge, or his or her designated  
15 representative.

16 (iii) A copy of the executive order evidencing the  
17 designated representative's appointment shall be filed in the office of  
18 county clerk with the original of the surety bond on the designated  
19 representative.