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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2229

5 By: Representative Wright
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR AN
9 ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN A CITY
10 MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR
14 AN ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF
15 GOVERNMENT IN A CITY MANAGER FORM OF
16 GOVERNMENT.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a) and (b), concerning petitions
23 for an election on aldermanic form of government in a city manager form of
24 government, are amended to read as follows:

25 (a)(1) After the expiration of six (6) years after the date on which
26 the first board of directors takes office in a city organized under this
27 chapter, a petition may be presented to the mayor. It shall be signed by
28 electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of
29 ballots cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for which~~
30 ~~the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in the preceding general
31 election. Whereupon, the mayor by proclamation shall submit the question of
32 organization of the city under the aldermanic form of government at a special
33 election to be held in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq.

34 (2) The proclamation shall be published at length one (1) time
35 in some newspaper published in the city ~~for one (1) time~~. Notice of the
36 election shall be published in some newspaper published in the city one (1)



1 time a week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than
 2 fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election. No other notice of
 3 the election shall be necessary.

4 (b) If the plan is not adopted by a majority of the voters voting upon
 5 that issue at the special election called, the question of adopting the
 6 aldermanic form of government shall not be resubmitted to the voters of the
 7 city for adoption within four (4) years thereafter. Then the question to
 8 adopt shall be resubmitted upon the presentation to the mayor of a petition
 9 signed by electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate
 10 number of votes cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for~~
 11 ~~which the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in the preceding
 12 general election.

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