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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1413

5 By: Representatives Baine, Neal, *Lemons*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION
10 AND OPERATION OF A QUORUM COURT; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
16 ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF A QUORUM
17 COURT.
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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 § 14-14-904(a), concerning the time and place*
23 *of quorum court assembly, is amended to read as follows:*

24 *(a) Time and Place of Quorum Court Assembly.*

25 *(1)(A)(i) The justices of the peace elected in each county shall*
26 *assemble and organize as a county quorum court body on the first regular*
27 *meeting date after the beginning of the justices' term in office, or*
28 *~~(ii) Alternatively,~~ the county judge may schedule*
29 *the biennial meeting date of the quorum court on a date in January other than*
30 *the first regular meeting date of the quorum court after the beginning of the*
31 *justices' term.*

32 *(ii) At the first regular meeting, the quorum court*
33 *shall establish the date, time, and location of meetings of the quorum court.*

34 *(B) Thereafter, the justices shall assemble each calendar*
35 *month at a regular time and place as established by ordinance and in their*
36 *respective counties to perform the duties of a quorum court, except that more*



1 frequent meetings may be required by ordinance.

2 (2) By declaration of emergency or determination that an
3 emergency exists and the safety of the general public is at risk, the county
4 judge may change the date, place, or time of the regular meeting of the
5 quorum court upon twenty-four-hour notice.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(d), concerning the presiding
8 officer of the quorum court, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) Presiding Officer.

10 (1)(A) The county judge shall preside over the quorum court
11 without a vote but with the power of veto.

12 (B) In the absence of the county judge, a quorum of the
13 justices by majority vote shall elect one (1) of their number to preside but
14 without the power to veto.

15 (2)(A)(i) The presiding officer or the quorum court by majority
16 vote shall appoint all regular and special committees of a quorum court,
17 subject to any procedural rules that may be adopted by ordinance.

18 (ii) The determination of the appointing entity
19 under subdivision (d)(2)(A)(i) of this section shall be made at the first
20 regular meeting of the quorum court in its organizational ordinance.

21 (B) A regular committee or special committee of the quorum
22 court shall not consist of more than a quorum of the whole body without the
23 consent of the county judge or the quorum court by majority vote.

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25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-14-904(e), concerning procedural rules
26 and attendance at meetings, is amended to read as follows:

27 (e) Procedural Rules and Attendance at Meetings.

28 (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the quorum court of
29 each county shall determine at the first regular meeting its rules of
30 procedure, whether by Robert's Rules of Order or otherwise, and may compel
31 the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as
32 may be prescribed by ordinance.

33 (2) The determination of rules of procedure under subdivision
34 (e)(1) of this section shall be made at the first regular meeting of the
35 quorum court in its organizational ordinance.

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