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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1553

5 By: Representatives Baltz, *Lemons*
6 By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY
10 ANSWERING POINTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 ANSWERING POINTS; AND TO DECLARE AN
17 EMERGENCY.
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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 Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 3, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 12-10-327. Restriction on creation of public safety answering point.

25 A new public safety answering point shall not be established until July
26 1, 2020, unless the new public safety answering point is established as a
27 result of:

28 (1) Consolidation with an existing public safety answering
29 point; or

30 (2) Replacement of an existing public safety answering point.
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32 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there are currently more than
34 one hundred twenty (120) public safety answering points in the state; that
35 many of these public safety answering points are in close proximity to
36 others, creating a duplication of services and errors in 911 service; and



1 that this act is necessary to save taxpayer money and create more efficient
2 government services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this
3 act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
4 safety shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

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