1   State of Arkansas

2   92nd General Assembly

A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2019   HOUSE BILL 1443

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5   By: Representative Vaught

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT

9   AUTHORITIES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER

10   PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RURAL

15   DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND TO DECLARE AN

16   EMERGENCY.

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19   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-188-103(5), concerning the definition of

22   "area of operation" under the Rural Development Authority Act, is amended to

23   read as follows:

24   (5) "Area of operation" means all areas within the county,

25   except those areas lying within the corporate limits of cities and towns

26   which have a population of more than ~~five thousand five hundred (5,500)~~ seven

27   thousand five hundred (7,500) or such part of the area as may be designated

28   as an area of operation ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this chapter;

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30   SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

31   General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that rural development authorities

32   exist throughout the state to help address conditions of chronic

33   unemployment, underemployment, and economic underdevelopment; that the Rural

34   Development Authority Act was enacted decades ago and did not take into

35   account population growth in rural areas; and that this act is immediately

36   necessary to update the Rural Development Authority Act to more effectively

1 serve residents of rural areas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,

2 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public

3 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

4   (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

5   (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

6 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

7 bill; or

8   (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is

9 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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