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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1443

5 By: Representative Vaught
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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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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RURAL
14 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND TO DECLARE AN
15 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)~~ nine
27 thousand (9,000) or such part of the area as may be designated as an area of
28 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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