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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1692

5 By: Representative Cavenaugh
6 By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A CITY ATTORNEY IN
10 CERTAIN MAYOR-COUNCIL CITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A CITY
15 ATTORNEY IN CERTAIN MAYOR-COUNCIL CITIES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 42, Subchapter 1, is
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 14-42-122. City attorney in mayor-council cities of fewer than 10,000.

23 (a)(1) If not established by ordinance that the office of the city
24 attorney will be contracted, the qualified voters of cities of the first
25 class having a population of fewer than ten thousand (10,000) and having the
26 mayor-council form of government shall elect a city attorney for four (4)
27 years on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2022 and every
28 four (4) years thereafter.

29 (2) An incumbent city attorney shall continue in office until
30 his or her successor is elected and qualified.

31 (b)(1) If no attorney residing in the city is elected as city
32 attorney, the city council may appoint a resident attorney to fill the office
33 for the remainder of the unfilled term.

34 (2)(A) If no attorney of the city serves as city attorney by
35 election or appointment or if no attorney resides within the municipal
36 boundaries of the city, then upon a two-thirds vote the city council may



1 contract with any licensed attorney of this state or the licensed attorney's
2 law firm to serve as legal advisor, counselor, or prosecutor.

3 (B) The duties of an attorney under contract shall be
4 prescribed by ordinance.

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