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A Bill

SENATE BILL 179

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN TERMS OF
9 OFFICE AND THE REORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL
10 GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN TERMS
15 OF OFFICE AND THE REORGANIZATION OF
16 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(e), concerning a subsequent
22 *election in a city manager form of government on changing to a mayor-council*
23 *form of government, is amended to read as follows:*

24 (e)(1) If Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, if
25 the majority of the votes cast on the issue are in favor thereof of
26 organization of the city under the mayor-council form of government, the city
27 shall ~~thereupon~~ proceed to the election of all of the city officials who were
28 subject to election in the city immediately ~~prior to~~ before the date on which
29 the city was organized under the management form of city government.

30 (2) If a mayor or member of a city board of directors has served less
31 than two (2) years into the term of office at the time the reorganization is
32 effective under this chapter:

33 (A) The mayor shall continue in office until the remainder
34 of his or her term of office; and

35 (B) A member of the city board of directors shall become a
36 member of the city council and shall continue in office until the remainder



1 of his or her term of office.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-48-105(b)(1), concerning the procedure
4 of changing to another form of government in a city administrator form of
5 government, is amended to read as follows:

6 (b)(1)(A) After the expiration of four (4) years from the date on
7 which the first board of directors and mayor take office in a city organized
8 under this chapter, a petition signed by electors equal in number to fifteen
9 percent (15%) of the aggregate number of ballots cast for all candidates for
10 mayor in the preceding general election may be presented to the mayor,
11 calling for an election to consider any other form of municipal government
12 authorized by the laws of this state.

13 (B) If a mayor or a member of a city board of directors
14 has served less than two (2) years into the term of office at the time the
15 reorganization is effective under this chapter:

16 (i) The mayor shall continue in office until the
17 remainder of his or her term of office; and

18 (ii) The member of the city board of directors shall
19 become a member of the governing body and shall continue in office until the
20 remainder of his or her term of office.

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23 /s/M. Johnson
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