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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1314

By: Representative Cozart

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN RECORDS  
REGARDING CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN  
RECORDS REGARDING CERTAIN ELECTED  
OFFICES.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-312(b), concerning aldermen in a city with fewer than 50,000, is amended to read as follows:*

*(b)(1) ~~The county board of election commissioners shall designate the aldermen~~ shall be designated as alderman number one and alderman number two.*

*(2)(A) A candidate for the office of alderman shall designate the number of the alderman's office which the candidate is seeking ~~at the time he or she files as a candidate for the office~~ on the petition filed under § 14-42-206.*

*(B) When this designation has been made, the candidate shall not be permitted thereafter to change the designation on that petition.*

*(C) The county clerk shall not accept a petition for filing that does not designate the number of the office for alderman sought.*

*(D) Each city shall maintain in its records a document showing the name of each alderman and the number of the office which the candidate holds.*



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-44-103(a), concerning the election of aldermen to cities of the Second Class, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (a)(3) of this section, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 1982, and every two (2) years thereafter, the qualified voters in cities of the second class shall elect for each of the wards of these cities two (2) aldermen, who shall compose the city council.

(2) The qualified electors of every city of the second class shall elect from each ward of the city two (2) aldermen, who shall be designated as "alderman number one" and "alderman number two" of the ward.

(3)(A) ~~Each~~ A candidate for the office of alderman ~~in any election for this office shall designate in writing the number of the alderman's office that he or she~~ that the candidate is seeking at the time that he or she files as a candidate for the office on the petition filed pursuant to § 14-42-206.

(B) When this designation has been made, the candidate shall not be permitted thereafter to change the designation on that petition.

(C) The county clerk shall not accept a petition for filing that does not designate the number of the office of alderman sought.

(D) Each city shall maintain in its records a document showing the name of each alderman and the number of the office which the candidate holds.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-45-102(b), concerning election of aldermen in incorporated towns, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A candidate for the office of alderman shall designate ~~which of the five (5) aldermen positions he or she is running for by noting it the number of the office for alderman that the candidate is seeking on the petition filed pursuant to § 14-42-206 or by declaring to the county board of election commissioners the position currently held, subject to subdivision (a)(2) of this section.~~

(2) ~~The county board of election commissioners shall accept those designations.~~ If there is a designation under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the candidate shall not change the designation on that petition.

(3) The county clerk shall not accept a petition for filing that

does not designate the number of the office for alderman sought.

(4) Each town shall maintain in its records a document showing the name of each alderman and the number of the office that the candidate holds.

/s/Cozart

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