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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1261

By: Representatives Lowery, M. Hodges, Lemons

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAYORAL
APPOINTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MAYORAL
APPOINTMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-43-401(b), concerning filling a vacancy in the office of mayor, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) In case of ~~his or her~~ the mayor's death, disability, resignation, or other vacation of his or her office, the city council, by vote of a majority of all its members, may appoint some other person to act until the expiration of his or her term or disability if the unexpired term of his or her office is less than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year. Otherwise, an election shall be ordered in accordance with the laws of the state.

(B) A removal from the city shall be deemed a vacation of his or her office.

(2)(A) In all cases ~~where~~ in which the unexpired term has ~~more than six (6) months~~ one (1) year or more to run and a special election has been called to fill the vacancy in the office of mayor, the city governing body ~~is authorized to~~ may appoint ~~any~~ a qualified elector of the city, including any member of the city council, to serve as acting mayor until the office is filled at the special election.

(B) A member of the council shall not vote on his or her own appointment. **APPROVED: 03/06/2015**

