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A Bill

SENATE BILL 240

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONMUNICIPAL
DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONMUNICIPAL
DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-4-203(b)(1)(B), concerning permits for nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works, is amended to read as follows:

(B) As used in this section, “nonmunicipal domestic sewage treatment works” means a device or system operated by an entity other than a city, town, ~~or~~ county, public facilities board, or public water authority that treats, in whole or in part, waste or wastewater from humans or household operations and must continuously operate to protect human health and the environment despite a permittee’s failure to maintain or operate the device or system.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that certain public facilities boards and public water authorities operate domestic sewage treatment systems that protect the health and safety of the public; that under current law these public entities are treated like a city, town, or county for purposes



of operating domestic sewage treatment systems; that the current law will expire on June 30, 2020; that the expiration of the current law could disrupt the operations of those public facilities boards and public water authorities; and that this act is immediately necessary to prevent any disruption of the operation of those domestic sewage treatment systems that protect the health and safety of the public. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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