

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1633

By: Representatives Underwood, Beaty Jr., Bryant, Carr, Fortner, Haak, McCollum, Tollett, *Pilkington*
By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS, AND INCORPORATED TOWNS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

THE BACK THE BLUE ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-52-101 is amended to read as follows:

14-52-101. ~~Authorized Establishment~~ Establishment in cities of the first class.

(a) The city council governing body of a city of the first class shall ~~have power to~~ establish a city police department, ~~to organize it under the general superintendence of the mayor, and to prescribe its duties and define its powers in such manner as will most~~ and provide the city police department with the proper means and equipment to provide law enforcement services for the city and its inhabitants in a manner that will most effectually preserve the peace of the city, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ from personal violence, and safeguard their property ~~from fire and unlawful depredations~~.

(b) In lieu of establishing a city police department under this section, a governing body of a city of the first class may enter into a contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an existing law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-52-102 is amended to read as follows:



14-52-102. Authorized in cities of the second class and incorporated towns.

(a) The governing body of ~~any~~ a city of the second class or an incorporated town may establish a police department ~~for the town, prescribe its duties, and define its powers in such manner as~~ and provide law enforcement services for the city of the second class or incorporated town that will most effectively preserve the peace of the city of the second class or incorporated town, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ from personal violence, and safeguard their property ~~from unlawful deprivations.~~

(b) In lieu of establishing a police department under this section, a governing body of a city of the second class or incorporated town may enter into a contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an existing law enforcement agency.

/s/Underwood

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