

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
Act 520 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

As Engrossed: H3/4/25

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1272

By: Representative Warren

By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROPERTY VACATED
BY A *MUNICIPALITY*; TO REQUIRE VESTED ABANDONED
PROPERTY BE CONVEYED WITH THE ABUTTING REAL ESTATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROPERTY
VACATED BY A MUNICIPALITY; AND TO
REQUIRE VESTED ABANDONED PROPERTY BE
CONVEYED WITH THE ABUTTING REAL ESTATE.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-301-306 is amended to read as follows:
14-301-306. Ownership of street or alley vesting in abutting owners –
Pending suits unaffected.

(a)(1) Upon the adoption of the ordinance, the absolute ownership of
the property abandoned by the city or town shall vest in the owners of the
real estate abutting thereon.

(2) Each such abutting owner shall take title to the center line
of the street or alley so abandoned, and the ownership shall be free from the
easement of the city or town for public use as a street or alley.

(b)(1) A future conveyance of real estate abutting a street or alley
abandoned by a city or town includes the respective portion of the street or
alley abandoned by the city or town that vested in the abutting owner upon
adoption of the ordinance unless an express reservation is made by the
abutting owner.



(2)(A) If real estate abutting the street or alley abandoned by a city or town is platted, the plats of the abutting real estate are amended to add the respective portions of the street or alley abandoned by the city or town to the abutting real estate.

(B) A conveyance of the abutting real estate without reference to the street or alley abandoned by the city or town includes the respective portion of the street or alley abandoned by the city or town that vested in the abutting owner upon adoption of the ordinance.

~~(b)~~ (c) This subchapter shall not affect suits now pending in any of the courts of this state.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Retroactivity.

This act applies retroactively to all the streets and alleys abandoned by a city or town with real estate abutting the streets and alleys after February 6, 1945.

/s/Warren

APPROVED: 4/10/25