

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1313

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING POLLING PLACES FOR  
CITY ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING POLLING PLACES  
FOR CITY ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-203 is amended to read as follows:  
14-42-203. Special elections of city mayors.

(a) ~~Special elections of mayors~~ A special election for mayor of cities  
a city of the first class ~~and or cities~~ a city of the second class shall be  
held ~~at such time and place as the council directs in accordance with~~ as  
provided by § 7-11-101 et seq.

(b) ~~In all cities there shall be a place appointed in each ward for  
holding elections, except in cities of the second class electing their  
aldermen citywide, where there may be one (1) public place only for holding  
elections.~~

(c) ~~Any~~

(b) A person shall not vote in a special election for municipal  
offices unless person who, at the time of the election ~~of municipal officers,~~  
~~is a~~ he or she is:

(1) A qualified elector and registered; and

(2) Registered to vote in the city precinct where he or she  
~~resides shall be deemed a qualified elector~~ the election is held.

(d)(c) ~~All elections~~ A special election for a municipal officer shall



be held and conducted in the manner ~~prescribed~~ provided by law for holding conducting state and county elections, ~~so far as the laws may be applicable.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-43-307(a), concerning election of aldermen in cities of the first class, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~Candidates~~ A person shall not run as a candidate for the office of alderman in ~~cities~~ a city of the first class ~~shall reside unless he or she resides~~ in the ward ~~from~~ for which ~~they seek~~ he or she seeks ~~to be elected~~ election ~~and shall run at large.~~

(2)(A) ~~All of the qualified electors of these cities shall be entitled to~~ A qualified elector from any ward in the city holding the election may vote in the election for alderman.

(B)(i) ~~Provisions shall be made by the~~ The election commissioners in ~~these cities so that the qualified electors of each ward shall have~~ the county containing the city holding the election shall make at least one (1) ~~voting precinct in each ward~~ polling place in the city available where the resident electors thereof may cast their ballots.

(ii) ~~Cities of the second class that elect their aldermen citywide may have one (1) public place only for holding elections.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-44-103(b), concerning election of aldermen, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) A ~~Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person shall not run as candidate~~ for the office of alderman in a city of the second class ~~shall reside unless he or she resides~~ in the ward from which he or she seeks to be elected ~~shall run for election at large, except if the alderman is elected by ward under subsection (c) of this section.~~

(B) ~~All of the~~ A ~~qualified electors of~~ elector from any ward in the city ~~shall be entitled to~~ may vote in the election.

(C) ~~Provision shall be made by the~~ The election commissioners in ~~these cities so that the qualified electors of the city each ward shall have~~ the county containing the city holding the election shall make at least one (1) ~~voting precinct in each ward~~ polling place in the city available where the resident electors thereof may cast their ballots.

(2) ~~If any duly elected~~ an alderman ~~shall cease~~ ceases to reside in the ward from which he or she was elected, ~~that person~~ he or she shall be

disqualified ~~to hold~~ from holding the office ~~and creating~~ a vacancy ~~shall exist, which~~ that shall be filled as ~~prescribed~~ provided by law.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-44-103(d), concerning election of aldermen, is repealed.

~~(d) Cities of the second class that elect their aldermen citywide may have one (1) public place only for holding elections.~~