

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2229

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR AN ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN A CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS FOR AN ELECTION ON ALDERMANIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN A CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(a) and (b), concerning petitions for an election on aldermanic form of government in a city manager form of government, are amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) After the expiration of six (6) years after the date on which the first board of directors takes office in a city organized under this chapter, a petition may be presented to the mayor. It shall be signed by electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of ballots cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for which the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in the immediately preceding *mayoral* general election. Whereupon, the mayor by proclamation shall submit the question of organization of the city under the aldermanic form of government at a special election to be held in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq.

(2) The proclamation shall be published at length one (1) time



in some newspaper published in the city ~~for one (1) time~~. Notice of the election shall be published in some newspaper published in the city one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks, the first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set for the election. No other notice of the election shall be necessary.

(b) If the plan is not adopted by a majority of the voters voting upon that issue at the special election called, the question of adopting the aldermanic form of government shall not be resubmitted to the voters of the city for adoption within four (4) years thereafter. Then the question to adopt shall be resubmitted upon the presentation to the mayor of a petition signed by electors equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate number of votes cast for ~~all candidates for director in that~~ the position ~~for which the greatest number of ballots were cast~~ of mayor in *the* immediately preceding mayoral general election.

/s/Wright