

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 649

By: Senator Hester

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ANNEXATION  
ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ANNEXATION  
ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-40-303(b), concerning annexation election procedures, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The annexation ordinance ~~shall not become~~ is not effective until the question of annexation is submitted to the qualified electors of the annexing municipality and of the area to be annexed at the next general election or at a special election. The special election shall be called by ordinance or proclamation of the mayor of the annexing municipality in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq.

(B) If the area to be annexed has a population that is less than sixty percent (60%) of the population of the annexing municipality, the area to be annexed shall vote by separate ballot, and the votes shall be counted separately.

(2)(A)(i) If a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for the annexation, no later than fifteen (15) days following the election, the county clerk shall certify the election results and record the same, along with the description and a map of the annexed area, in the county records, and file a certified copy ~~thereof~~ with the Secretary of State.



(ii) If a separate vote is held on the issue under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section, a majority of the qualified electors voting by separate ballot in the election shall vote for annexation for the annexation to be effective.

(B) The annexation shall be effective, and the lands annexed shall be included within the corporate limits of the annexing municipality thirty (30) days following the date of recording and filing of the description and map, as provided in this section, or in the event an action is filed with the circuit court as provided in § 14-40-304, on the date the judgment of the court becomes final.

(3) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue at the election vote against the annexation, the annexation ordinance ~~shall~~ be is null and void.