

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1553

By: Representatives Baltz, *Lemons*

By: Senator B. Johnson

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY  
ANSWERING POINTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY  
ANSWERING POINTS; AND TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-10-327. Restriction on creation of public safety answering point.

A new public safety answering point shall not be established until July 1, 2020, unless the new public safety answering point is established as a result of:

(1) Consolidation with an existing public safety answering point; or

(2) Replacement of an existing public safety answering point.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there are currently more than one hundred twenty (120) public safety answering points in the state; that many of these public safety answering points are in close proximity to others, creating a duplication of services and errors in 911 service; and



that this act is necessary to save taxpayer money and create more efficient government services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

*/s/Baltz*