

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COUNTY PETITIONS; TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1942; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COUNTY PETITIONS; AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1942.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-8-803(a), concerning a petition to determine the granting of a license for the manufacturing or selling or bartering, loaning, or giving away intoxicating liquor and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1942, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An election to determine whether licenses will be granted for the manufacture or sale or the bartering, loaning, or giving away of intoxicating liquor shall be called by a petition signed by registered voters in the designated county, township, municipality, ward, or precinct in a number equal to ~~thirty-eight~~ fifteen percent ~~(38%)~~ (15%) of the registered voters.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-14-709(a), concerning the establishment of subordinate service districts, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Procedure Generally. A subordinate service district may be



established by ordinance of the quorum court in the following manner:

(1)(A) Upon petition to the quorum court by ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) of the number of realty owners within the proposed subordinate service district, the owners of ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) of the realty in the area of the proposed subordinate service district, and the owners of ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) of the assessed value of the realty within the proposed subordinate service district, the quorum court shall set a date for a public hearing and shall give notice of the hearing on the petition to form the proposed subordinate service district.

(B) Following the public hearing, the court may either adopt an ordinance creating the subordinate service district or refuse to act further on the matter;

(2) If hearings indicate that a geographic area desires exclusion from the proposed subordinate service district, the quorum court may amend the boundaries of the proposed subordinate service district to exclude the property in that area; and

(3)(A) Where an ordinance is adopted establishing a subordinate service district, the quorum court, in addition to all other requirements, shall publish notice of the adoption of the ordinance.

(B) The notice shall include a statement setting out the elector's right to protest.

(C) If within thirty (30) days of the notice, ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) or more of the number of realty owners within the proposed subordinate service district, the owners of ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) of the realty in the area of the proposed subordinate service district, and the owners of ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen percent ~~(25%)~~ (15%) of the assessed value of the realty within the proposed subordinate service district file a written protest, by individual letter or petition, then the ordinance creating the subordinate service district shall be void.