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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

By: Representative Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A STATE PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ANNEXATION WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A STATE PARK.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-40-205 is amended to read as follows:

14-40-205. Territory within one-half mile of state park.

(a) ~~None of the~~ The annexation laws of this state ~~shall have any application~~ do not apply in the area within one-half mile of the boundaries of ~~any a~~ state park located in a county with a population in excess of three hundred fifty thousand (350,000) ~~persons~~ unless ~~the~~ the:

(1) The annexation is approved by a majority of the voters residing within ~~such the~~ the one-half mile area, ~~the~~ ;

(2) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of a navigable river from the state park, ~~or the~~ ;

(3) The area to be annexed is on the opposite side of and south of an existing railroad right-of-way from the state park; ~~or~~ ;

(4) The area to be annexed contains a public or private school.

(b)(1) ~~Any An~~ An order of the county court issued in contradiction ~~hereof~~ of this section is void if the order is issued after August 1, 1997.

(2) ~~However, if any~~ A county court order ~~was~~ issued after August 1, 1997, annexing an area on the opposite side of and south of an existing



railroad right-of-way from a state park, ~~then the county court order is~~
~~declared~~ valid and not void.