

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1798

By: Representative Clowney

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF
FAILURE TO VACATE UPON NOTICE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING THE OFFENSE
OF FAILURE TO VACATE UPON NOTICE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-16-101 is repealed.

~~18-16-101. Failure to pay rent—Refusal to vacate upon notice—
Penalty.~~

~~(a) Any person who shall rent any dwelling house or other building or
any land situated in the State of Arkansas and who shall refuse or fail to
pay the rent therefor when due according to contract shall at once forfeit
all right to longer occupy the dwelling house or other building or land.~~

~~(b)(1) If, after ten (10) days' notice in writing shall have been
given by the landlord or the landlord's agent or attorney to the tenant to
vacate the dwelling house or other building or land, the tenant shall
willfully refuse to vacate and surrender the possession of the premises to
the landlord or the landlord's agent or attorney, the tenant shall be guilty
of a misdemeanor.~~

~~(2)(A) Upon conviction before any justice of the peace or other
court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the premises are
situated, the tenant shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar
(\$1.00) nor more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.~~



~~(B) Each day the tenant shall willfully and unnecessarily hold the dwelling house or other building or land after the expiration of notice to vacate shall constitute a separate offense.~~