

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 537

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF
A PART-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BY A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
APPOINTMENT OF A PART-TIME LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER BY A POLITICAL
SUBDIVISION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-9-124 is amended to read as follows:

12-9-124. Part-time law enforcement officers and chief of police.

(a)(1) A political subdivision may appoint a number of part-time law enforcement officers equal to two (2) part-time law enforcement officers for each full-time certified law enforcement officer employed full-time by and receiving a salary from the appointing law enforcement agency.

(2) A political subdivision having a population of one thousand (1,000) or less under the last federal decennial census may appoint a number of part-time law enforcement officers equal to two (2) part-time law enforcement officers for each part-time chief of police employed part-time by the appointing law enforcement agency.

~~(2)(3)(A)~~ However, if a political subdivision has a need for a greater number of part-time law enforcement officers than is authorized in subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section due to special or unusual problems or circumstances, the political subdivision may make a request to



the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for additional part-time law enforcement officers.

(B) Each request under subdivision ~~(a)(2)(A)~~ (a)(3)(A) of this section shall state the special or unusual problems or circumstances involved that justify the request, the number of additional part-time law enforcement officers requested, and such other information as the commission may require.

(C) If the commission finds that the public interest will best be served by allowing the political subdivision to appoint the additional part-time law enforcement officers requested, the commission may grant the request under subdivision ~~(a)(2)(A)~~ (a)(3)(A) of this section.

(b) This section does not restrict the number of honorary police officers without law enforcement authority.