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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1522

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROMULGATION
9 OF RULES GOVERNING MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE
10 DEPARTMENTS TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO SERVE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
15 PROMULGATION OF RULES GOVERNING MUNICIPAL
16 FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO PROTECT
17 THE RIGHT TO SERVE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-51-301(b)(1)(A), concerning rules and
24 regulations of civil service systems for police and fire departments, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (1)(A)(i) The qualifications of each applicant for appointment
27 to any position on the police or fire department.

28 (ii) The board shall not impose a residency
29 restriction for applicants or employees.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-52-101 is amended to read as follows:
32 14-52-101. Authorized in cities.

33 (a) The city council ~~shall have power to~~ may establish a city police
34 department, ~~to~~ organize it under the general superintendence of the mayor,
35 and ~~to~~ prescribe its duties and define its powers in such manner as will most
36 effectually preserve the peace of the city, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ of



1 the city from personal violence, and safeguard their property from fire and
 2 unlawful depredations.

3 (b) The city council shall not impose a residency restriction for
 4 police department employees or applicants.

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 6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-52-102 is amended to read as follows:

7 14-52-102. Authorized in incorporated towns.

8 (a) The governing body of ~~any~~ an incorporated town may establish a
 9 police department for the incorporated town, prescribe its duties, and define
 10 its powers in such manner as will most effectively preserve the peace of the
 11 incorporated town, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ of the incorporated town from
 12 personal violence, and safeguard their property from unlawful deprivations.

13 (b) The governing body of the incorporated town shall not impose a
 14 residency restriction for police department employees or applicants.

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 16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-53-101(b), concerning the promulgation
 17 of rules governing a municipal fire department, is amended to read as
 18 follows:

19 (b)(1) The Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section,
 20 the city council shall promulgate rules that the city council deems expedient
 21 to govern the fire department ~~that the city council deems expedient.~~

22 (2) The city council shall not impose a residency restriction
 23 for fire department employees or applicants.