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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 531

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL  
10 PLANNING; TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO CONTRACT WITH A  
11 PROPERTY OWNER OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY FOR  
12 MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL  
18 PLANNING; AND TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY TO  
19 CONTRACT WITH A PROPERTY OWNER OUTSIDE  
20 THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY FOR MUNICIPAL  
21 SERVICES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 56, Subchapter 4, is  
26 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

27 14-56-427. Agreement to comply with municipal development regulations.

28 (a) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a property owner  
29 outside the boundaries of the municipality to provide one (1) or more  
30 municipal services if the property owner agrees to adhere to any land or  
31 development regulations intended to carry out a municipal plan under this  
32 subchapter.

33 (b) The municipality does not need county approval for any planning or  
34 development regulations to apply to an agreement authorized under this  
35 section.

36 (c) An agreement under this section shall apply to any successive



1 owners of the property.

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3 14-56-428. Agreement to annex property at later date.

4 (a) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a property owner  
5 outside the boundaries of the municipality to provide one (1) or more  
6 municipal services if the property owner agrees to voluntarily annex into the  
7 municipality at the time the property becomes contiguous to the municipality.

8 (b) If the municipal provider of services has a prerequisite that the  
9 affected property owner annex into the municipal boundaries before providing  
10 service, the prerequisite shall be clearly defined in an application or  
11 agreement under subsection (a) of this section.

12 (c) Failure to clearly define any annexation prerequisite within the  
13 application or agreement under subsection (b) of this section prohibits the  
14 municipal provider of services from requiring annexation in exchange for  
15 services for those areas without an annexation prerequisite from the affected  
16 property owner.

17 (d) An agreement under this section shall apply to any successive  
18 owners of the property.

19 (e) If a petition of annexation is not filed by the property owner  
20 subject to the agreement under subsection (a) of this section within one (1)  
21 year after the property becomes contiguous, the municipality may initiate  
22 annexation proceedings under § 14-40-501 et seq.

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