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HOUSE BILL 1699

By: Representative Jones

"AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 808 OF 1977 TO GRANT CITIES WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 30,000 PERSONS THE OPTION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS, OF SUBJECTING THEMSELVES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT RESULTING IN AT-LARGE POSITION NO. 1 OF THEIR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS BEING DESIGNATED AS THE MAYORS OF THE CITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 808 of 1977, the same being Arkansas Statute 19-902.9, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. The provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to any city in the State having a manager form of government and having a population of 30,000 or more persons, unless such city by ordinance of the governing body thereof chooses to be subject to this Act. Provided however, any such city may by ordinance of the governing body thereof approved by a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting on the question, choose to elect all of the members of the governing body of the city from single member districts."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that Act 808 of 1977 provides for ward representation and direct election of mayors of cities operating with a city manager form of government; that certain cities affected by this Act have either voted or petitioned for such features in their municipalities and that substantial public funds could be saved by implementing this Act immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health

and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

/s/ Myra Jones

