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A Bill

SENATE BILL 537

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5 By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

23 12-9-124. Part-time law enforcement officers and chief of police.

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

28 (2) A political subdivision having a population of one thousand
29 (1,000) or less under the last federal decennial census may appoint a number
30 of part-time law enforcement officers equal to two (2) part-time law
31 enforcement officers for each part-time chief of police employed part-time by
32 the appointing law enforcement agency.

33 ~~(2)(3)(A)~~ However, if a political subdivision has a need for a
34 greater number of part-time law enforcement officers than is authorized in
35 subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section due to special or unusual
36 problems or circumstances, the political subdivision may make a request to



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

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

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

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

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