1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/4/25
2	95th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2025HOUSE BILL 1272
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5	By: Representative Warren
6	By: Senator C. Penzo
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROPERTY VACATED
10	BY A MUNICIPALITY; TO REQUIRE VESTED ABANDONED
11	PROPERTY BE CONVEYED WITH THE ABUTTING REAL ESTATE;
12	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15	Subtitle
16	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROPERTY
17	VACATED BY A MUNICIPALITY; AND TO
18	REQUIRE VESTED ABANDONED PROPERTY BE
19	CONVEYED WITH THE ABUTTING REAL ESTATE.
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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 § 14-301-306 is amended to read as follows:
24	14-301-306. Ownership of street or alley vesting in abutting owners –
25	Pending suits unaffected.
26	(a) <u>(1)</u> Upon the adoption of the ordinance, the absolute ownership of
27	the property abandoned by the city or town shall vest in the owners of the
28	real estate abutting thereon.
29	(2) Each such abutting owner shall take title to the center line
30	of the street or alley so abandoned, and the ownership shall be free from the
31	easement of the city or town for public use as a street or alley.
32	(b)(1) A future conveyance of real estate abutting a street or alley
33	abandoned by a city or town includes the respective portion of the street or
34	alley abandoned by the city or town that vested in the abutting owner upon
35	adoption of the ordinance unless an express reservation is made by the
36	abutting owner.



1	(2)(A) If real estate abutting the street or alley abandoned by
2	a city or town is platted, the plats of the abutting real estate are amended
3	to add the respective portions of the street or alley abandoned by the city
4	or town to the abutting real estate.
5	(B) A conveyance of the abutting real estate without
6	reference to the street or alley abandoned by the city or town includes the
7	respective portion of the street or alley abandoned by the city or town that
8	vested in the abutting owner upon adoption of the ordinance.
9	(b) <u>(c)</u> This subchapter shall not affect suits now pending in any of
10	the courts of this state.
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12	SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Retroactivity.</u>
13	This act applies retroactively to all the streets and alleys abandoned
14	by a city or town with real estate abutting the streets and alleys after
15	<u>February 6, 1945.</u>
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17	/s/Warren
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