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2 91st General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: H3/2/17  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1553

5 By: Representatives Baltz, *Lemons*  
6 By: Senator B. Johnson  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY  
10 ANSWERING POINTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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16 ANSWERING POINTS; AND TO DECLARE AN  
17 EMERGENCY.  
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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 Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 3, is  
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 12-10-327. Restriction on creation of public safety answering point.

25 A new public safety answering point shall not be established until July  
26 1, 2020, unless the new public safety answering point is established as a  
27 result of:

28 (1) Consolidation with an existing public safety answering  
29 point; or

30 (2) Replacement of an existing public safety answering point.  
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32 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there are currently more than  
34 one hundred twenty (120) public safety answering points in the state; that  
35 many of these public safety answering points are in close proximity to  
36 others, creating a duplication of services and errors in 911 service; and



1 that this act is necessary to save taxpayer money and create more efficient  
2 government services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this  
3 act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
4 safety shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

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