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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1633

5 By: Representatives Underwood, Beaty Jr., Bryant, Carr, Fortner, Haak, McCollum, Tollett
6 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 SERVICES OF CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, CITIES OF THE
11 SECOND CLASS, AND INCORPORATED TOWNS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-52-101 is amended to read as follows:

22 14-52-101. ~~Authorized Establishment~~ Establishment in cities of the first class.

23 (a) The city council governing body of a city of the first class shall
24 ~~have power to~~ establish a city police department, ~~to organize it under the~~
25 ~~general superintendence of the mayor, and to prescribe its duties and define~~
26 ~~its powers in such manner as will most~~ and provide law enforcement services
27 for the city and its inhabitants in a manner that will most effectually
28 preserve the peace of the city, secure the citizens ~~thereof~~ from personal
29 violence, and safeguard their property ~~from fire and unlawful depredations~~.

30 (b) In lieu of establishing a city police department under this
31 section, a governing body of a city of the first class may enter into a
32 contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an
33 existing law enforcement agency.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-52-102 is amended to read as follows:

36 14-52-102. Authorized in cities of the second class and incorporated



1 towns.

2 (a) The governing body of any a city of the second class or an
3 incorporated town may establish a police department for the town, prescribe
4 its duties, and define its powers in such manner as and provide law
5 enforcement services for the city of the second class or incorporated town
6 that will most effectively preserve the peace of the city of the second class
7 or incorporated town, secure the citizens thereof from personal violence, and
8 safeguard their property from unlawful deprivations.

9 (b) In lieu of establishing a police department under this section, a
10 governing body of a city of the second class or incorporated town may enter
11 into a contract or interlocal agreement for law enforcement services with an
12 existing law enforcement agency.

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