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1 organization of the city under the mayor-council form of government at a 2 special election to be held in accordance with § 7-11-201 et seq. 3 (2)(A) The proclamation shall be published at length one (1) 4 time in some a newspaper published in the city. 5 (B)(i) Notice of the election shall be published in some a 6 newspaper published in the city one (1) time a week for two (2) weeks, the 7 first publication to be not less than fifteen (15) days before the date set 8 for the election. 9 (ii) No other notice of the election shall be is 10 necessary. 11 12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-47-107(e), concerning a subsequent 13 election in a city manager form of government on changing to a mayor-council 14 form of government, is amended to read as follows: 15 (e)(1) If Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, if 16 the majority of the votes cast on the issue are in favor thereof of 17 organization of the city under the mayor-council form of government, the city 18 shall thereupon proceed to the election of all of the city officials who were 19 subject to election in the city immediately prior to before the date on which 20 the city was organized under the management form of city government. 21 (2) If a mayor or member of a city board of directors has served less 22 than two (2) years into the term of office at the time the reorganization is 23 effective under this chapter: 24 (A) The mayor shall continue in office until the remainder 25 of his or her term of office; and 26 (B) A member of the city board of directors shall become a 27 member of the city council and shall continue in office until the remainder of his or her term of office. 28 29 30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-48-105(b), concerning the procedure of 31 changing to another form of government in a city administrator form of 32 government, is amended to read as follows: (b)(1)(A)(i) After the expiration of four (4) years from the date on 33 which the first board of directors and mayor take office in a city organized 34 35 under this chapter, a petition signed by electors equal in number to fifteen 36 percent (15%) of the aggregate number of ballots cast for all candidates for

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2	calling for an election to consider any other form of municipal government
3	authorized by the laws of this state.
4	(ii) As an alternative to the petition presented to
5	the mayor by electors under subdivision (b)(l)(A)(i) of this section, a
6	petition may be presented to the mayor by the board of directors by
7	ordinance.
8	(B) If a mayor or a member of a city board of directors
9	has served less than two (2) years into the term of office at the time the
10	reorganization is effective under this chapter:
11	(i) The mayor shall continue in office until the
12	remainder of his or her term of office; and
13	(ii) The member of the city board of directors shall
14	become a member of the governing body and shall continue in office until the
15	remainder of his or her term of office.
16	(2)(A)(i) Thereupon Upon the receipt of a petition under subdivision
17	(b)(1)(A) of this section, the mayor by proclamation in accordance with § 7-
18	11-201 et seq. shall submit the question of organization of the city under
19	the form of government stated in the petition at a special election to be
20	held at a time specified therein.
21	(ii) The proclamation shall be published one (1) time at
22	length in some <u>a</u> newspaper having a general circulation in the city.
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