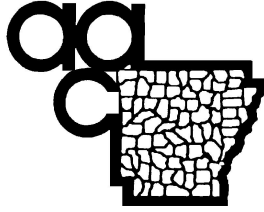


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Foreword

The following list of Acts of the 2017 Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly has been compiled for your information by the staff of the Association of Arkansas Counties. We have made every effort to identify all Acts that relate to county government. However if we missed any, we ask you to please let us know.

Of the 2,680 bills filed during the session, 1,130 became Acts. AAC tracked over 537 bills during the session that could affect county government. More than 263 of those bills became law. The full text of each Act is available on the internet at the AAC website, www.arcountries.org or the Arkansas General Assembly website, www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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COUNTY ASSESSORS

- 49 An act concerning homestead property tax credit eligibility. (E)
152 Amends the law concerning the dates for payment of delinquent property taxes and related penalties.
161 Ensures the proper collection and disbursement of late assessment fees.
162 Clarifies the qualifications and duties of County Equalization Boards.
188 Appropriates for personal services and operating expenses for the Assessment Coordination Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
331 Allows the multiyear registration of personal use motor vehicles. (*)
495 Allows different addresses of record to be used when sending notices to property owners for code violations that could result in liens.
567 Amends the law concerning annexation by one-hundred percent (100%) petition.
659 To improve the fairness of property tax administration and appeals. (*)
943 Clarifies that all public-school buildings are exempt from taxation.
1076 Provides for the taxation of state-owned property that is held under and a lease and allows the assessment and collection of property tax from the lessee of certain state-owned property. (*)

ACT

COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
139 Amends the Comprehensive Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2013 to allow a state agency or board engaged in the licensing of medical professionals to have access to and use of expunged and sealed records of criminal convictions.
140 Amends the law concerning the recording of documents.
276 Amends the law concerning reimbursement for juror orientation costs.
377 Amends the law concerning the filing requirements for a petition to quiet title; abolishes the requirement that a petitioner search

ACT**COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS (cont.)**

- voter registration records.
- 472 Act concerning the criminal defenses of fitness to proceed and lack of criminal responsibility.
- 506 The Mental Health Specialty Court Act of 2017.
- 566 Creates the "Helping Our People Excel (H.O.P.E.) Act of 2017.
- 583 Creates the Arkansas Domestic Violence Shelter Act, creates a Domestic Violence Shelter Fund and establishes procedures for funding domestic violence shelters.
- 600 Removes references in the Arkansas Code to jury commissioners, which no longer exist.
- 656 Amends the law concerning the recordation of deeds for purposes of the real property transfer tax.
- 662 Addresses the sealing of a person's felony record when the person is a first-time felony offender.
- 667 Concerns visitation with an incapacitated person or a ward and amends the law concerning decisions made by appointed guardians on behalf of wards.
- 714 Concerns the assessment of an additional fine for criminal offenses committed against or in the presence of a child and the assessment of an additional fine for traffic violations committed in the presence of a child.
- 730 Amends the law concerning unopposed candidates.
- 825 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 861 Creates the Commission for Parent Counsel; concerns dependency-neglect representation for the parent of a minor child and representation in the juvenile division of circuit court.
- 885 Concerns installment payments by a person who owes court costs, fines or restitution to a circuit court.
- 915 Amends the law concerning driver's license reinstatement fees.
- 1021 Establishes procedures to be followed after claim is filed against a small estate.
- 1109 Requires a person convicted of an offense using a computer or the internet to pay an additional fee.
- 1114 Amends the Uniform Commercial Code to prevent fraudulent lien filings.

ACT**COUNTY COLLECTORS**

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 152 Amends the law concerning the dates for payment of delinquent property taxes and related penalties.

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- 197 Amends the law concerning the collection and distribution of delinquent personal taxes.
- 331 Allows the multiyear registration of personal-use motor vehicles. (*)
- 384 Concerns the procedures for obtaining title to a mobile home or a manufactured home.
- 394 Allows a business engaged in the business of renting heavy equipment property to collect a recovery fee from certain consumers. (*)
- 443 Amends the law concerning the number of members serving on the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board and the County Collectors Continuing Education Board.
- 495 Allows different addresses of record to be used when sending notices to property owners for code violations that could result in liens.
- 514 Amends the requirements for publishing notice of delinquent taxes on mineral interests. (*)
- 1014 Amends the law to create transparency and accountability in municipal improvement districts.
- 1053 Amends the law concerning the sale and redemption of tax delinquent property.

ACT**COUNTY CLERKS**

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 47 Amends the ballot order for the establishment of local boards of community colleges.
- 85 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 144 Amends the law regarding local option elections in defunct voting districts that resulted from initiated measure 1 of 1942 and authorizes elections regarding on-premises consumption through both petition and city ordinance.
- 163 Revises various provisions concerning election procedures in which a mayoral candidate receives less than a majority.
- 164 Amends the deadline for conduction of logic and accuracy testing for runoff elections.
- 171 Concerns the filing of vacancies in certain municipal elective offices.
- 247 Makes a technical correction concerning the authority of the state board of election commissioners to impose certain sanctions.
- 287 An act for the Secretary of State capitol improvements projects general improvement appropriation. (E)

ACT**COUNTY CLERKS (cont.)**

- 297 Clarifies the law concerning the nomination requirements for new political parties.
- 300 Clarifies procedures for voting precincts in counties that have established vote centers.
- 310 Amends Arkansas law concerning the filling of vacancies in the office of United States Senator. (E)
- 527 Amends the law concerning the county fiscal year and county accounting practices.
- 567 Amends the law concerning annexation by one-hundred percent (100%) petition.
- 586 Requires verification of information contained in the petition or notice of write-in candidacy of a candidate for a position on the board of directors of a public-school district.
- 604 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the secretary of state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 621 Amends the requirements for the delivery and storage of ballot stubs.
- 633 Requires that a voter provide verification of voter registration when voting to amend Amendment 51 of the Arkansas Constitution.
- 649 Clarifies the law concerning the collection of a small estate by a distributee and clarifies the value of property for the purpose of collecting a small estate.
- 653 Amends the law concerning the effective date of municipal boundary change actions. (E)
- 655 Clarifies procedures for providing notice of municipal boundary changes. (E)
- 721 Amends the disclosure act for public initiatives, referenda and measures referred to voters, concerning registration and reporting requirements and concerning filing deadlines.
- 729 Amends the law concerning county court filing fees.
- 730 Amends the law concerning unopposed candidates.
- 734 Amends the taxable wage base, weekly benefit amount, maximum benefit amount and certain eligibility requirements under the department of workforce services law.
- 787 Amends requirements for campaign signs and materials.
- 790 Amends the dates for processing absentee ballots.
- 798 An act to improve election administration transparency and to resolve a conflict in the law concerning public notice of elections.
- 798 To improve election administration transparency and to resolve a conflict in the law concerning public notice of elections.
- 908 Amends the law concerning elections and ballots.
- 910 Changes the date of the annual school election. (*)
- 924 Amends the law to create transparency and accountability in municipal improvement districts.
- 1014 Creates the Voting and Transparency Act of 2017 and amends the

- law concerning elections and voting.
- 1021 Establishes procedures to be followed after claim is filed against a small estate.
- 1088 Amends the law concerning primary elections, runoff elections and special elections.
- 1104 Amends provisions in the Arkansas Code concerning election runoffs, initiatives and referendums.

ACT COUNTY CORONERS

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 194 Amends the law concerning the compensation of a county coroner.
417 An act concerning the entry under cause of death on a person's death certificate when the person was executed due to a sentence for a capital offense.
- 603 Amends the provisions of law concerning the disposition of fetal remains.

ACT COUNTY JUDGES

- 51 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 85 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 91 Makes an appropriation for state turnback for counties and municipalities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 111 An act for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management appropriation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 138 Grants municipal clerks the authority to administer oaths of office.
153 Concerns criminal detention facility review committees to reduce the size of state government, to reduce expenses and to encourage efficiency. (*)
- 156 Creates the Uniform State Seeds Standardization Act.
157 Authorizes local jurisdictions to review plumbing plans and specifications.
- 162 Clarifies the qualifications and duties of county equalization boards.
- 183 Concerns state funded law enforcement academies.
185 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Veteran's Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 188 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Assessment Coordination Department for

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 191 Amends the definition of “employer” and the Hate Offense and Retaliation Provisions of the Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993.
- 192 Amends the law concerning annexation of city-owned parks and airports.
- 193 Amends the law concerning purchases by a county from county government officers and employees.
- 194 Amends the law concerning compensation of a county coroner.
207 Permits the use of rooms or facilities owned, operated or otherwise utilized by the state agencies and political subdivisions for meetings of specific government bodies, amending the Arkansas Constitution Article 19, Sec. 30.
- 234 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Arkansas Heritage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 238 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 260 Makes technical corrections to Title 14 of the Arkansas Code concerning local government.
- 276 Amends the law concerning reimbursement for juror orientation costs.
- 299 Clarifies the duties of the Justice of the Peace.
- 317 Creates the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program. (*)
- 323 Amends the law concerning district court clerk employment.
- 330 Allows counties to burn storm debris based on county-declared disaster emergencies.
- 391 Amends Arkansas law pertaining to the duties and operations of Arkansas Legislative Audit.
- 394 Allows a business engaged in the business of renting heavy equipment property to collect a recovery fee from certain consumers. (*)
- 423 Creates the Criminal Justice Efficiency and Safety Act of 2017. (*)
444 Permits Act 309 inmates in the custody of the Department of Correction who are housed in a county jail to work for local nonprofit organizations. (E)
- 451 Designates a portion of U.S. Highway 65 as the Delta Rhythm “N” Bayous Highway.
- 452 Authorizes counties to provide job training services.
- 456 Amends the eligibility requirements for the Asbestos Abatement Grant Program.
- 457 Amends the law concerning the state aid engineer of the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept.
- 468 Appropriation for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Capital Improvement, Grants and Programs General Improvement Fund. (E)
- 494 Amends the law concerning the members of a board of a

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- metropolitan port authority.
- 497 Concerns law enforcement officer standards and training, concerns the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and repeals obsolete language and makes technical corrections.
- 509 Creates the Workforce Development Center Authority Act.
- 510 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Parks & Tourism for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 523 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 524 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 527 Amends the law concerning the county fiscal year and county accounting practices.
- 529 Clarifies the law concerning leave of absence for certain training programs of the National Guard or of the United States Armed Forces.
- 533 Amends the Local Government Bond Act of 1985, implements Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 97 as it relates to the Local Government Bond Act of 1985.
- 536 Amends the law concerning annexation within one-half mile of a state park.
- 567 Amends the law concerning annexation by one hundred percent (100%) petition.
- 574 Amends the law concerning public safety answering points. (E)
- 623 Amends the law concerning improvement district procedures.
- 624 Amends the law concerning collection, deposit, and use of Accountability for Landfill Disposal Fees.
- 653 An act concerning the effective date of municipal boundary change actions. (E)
- 655 Clarifies procedures for providing notice of municipal boundary changes. (E)
- 657 Regarding salaries of personnel and other requirements of various district courts.
- 663 Amends the law concerning data maintenance and 911 addresses.
- 685 Enhances local economic development efforts.
- 690 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for Trial Court Administrators, the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts, Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers, and Drug Court Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 703 Amends the law concerning fire department organization.
- 704 Amends the law concerning distribution of interest income earned on highway revenues. (*)
- 705 Concerns distribution of highway revenue interest income and

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- provides funds for Regional Intermodal Facilities and transportation-related research.
- 710 Prohibits public entities from contracting with and investing in companies that boycott Israel.
- 711 Amends the Freedom of Information Act and amends the law concerning consolidated waterworks systems and the issuance of revenue bonds by a consolidated waterworks system. (E)
- 712 Creates a procedure for the revocation of a charter of a municipal corporation as a result of the municipal corporation's noncompliance with the law.
- 725 Amends the award procedure for public improvement contracts.
- 729 Amends the law concerning county court filing fees.
- 734 Amends the taxable wage base, weekly benefit amount, maximum benefit amount, and certain eligibility requirements under the Department of Workforce Services Law.
- 751 Amends the law concerning the allocation of revenue within a county composed of dual judicial districts. (E)
- 765 Concerns the offense of sexual solicitation, provides for impoundment of a motor vehicle, and provides for human trafficking awareness education for educators.
- 772 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Community Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 773 An act for the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department – Intermodal Facilities Grants and transportation related research grants appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 785 Appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management – 911 and Emergency Community Systems for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 789 Prohibits interference with a traffic control device or barricade.
- 813 Creates the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act and regulates public-private partnerships for public facilities and infrastructure.
- 825 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 841 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 854 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 875 Allows a wet county to authorize by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption.
- 895 Amends the law concerning annexation and the provision of water service and other related services.

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 954 Authorizes certain entities to contract with a transportation network company.
- 962 Amends the law concerning fire protection and washer-extractor requirements.
- 1000 An act for the Department of Finance & Administration – Disbursing Officer appropriation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 1001 An appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1002 An appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1010 Creates the Feral Hog Eradication Task Force. (*)
- 1019 Amends the distribution of revenues derived from the severance tax.
- 1047 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1048 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1055 Concerns municipal incorporation near the boundaries of an existing municipality.
- 1068 Repeals the Arkansas Prevailing Wage Law and provides flexibility to cities and counties for capital construction projects. (E)
- 1090 Concerns the concealed carry of a handgun by a concealed carry licensee inside a courtroom.
- 1112 Authorizes the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to initiate the permitting process for private clubs.
- 1122 Amends the law concerning ambulance licensing.
- 1126 Amends the law concerning the discount available to taxpayers for prompt submission of sales tax returns and payments. (*)

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS**

- 73 Concerns possession of a defaced firearm manufactured prior to January 1, 1968.
- 74 Amends the law concerning criminal impersonation in the second degree.
- 130 Concerns the offense of harassment communications.
- 131 Amends the law concerning the extension of the expiration date for a driver's license belonging to a military member. (*)
- 153 Concerns criminal detention facility review committees to reduce the size of state government, to reduce expenses and to encourage efficiency. (*)

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COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)

- 159 Clarifies the law concerning the offense of failure to vacate upon notice.
- 183 Concerns state funded law enforcement academies.
- 203 Amends the law concerning telemedicine and creates the Telemedicine Act.
- 209 Adds human trafficking to the definitions of abuse and sexual abuse within the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989 and Child Maltreatment Act.
- 239 Concerns the carrying of a firearm by a parole and probation officer.
- 250 Makes technical corrections to Title 12 of the Arkansas Code concerning law enforcement, emergency management and military affairs.
- 267 Prohibits certain sex offenders from entering upon a public-school campus under certain circumstances.
- 272 Amends the law concerning the defenses to prosecution for a violation of operating an all-terrain vehicle upon a public street or highway.
- 301 Amends the offense of domestic battering in the first degree and makes the offense consistent with the offense of battery in the first degree.
- 332 Creates a sentence enhancement for certain criminal offenses targeting a current or former law enforcement officer, first responder, or a family member of a current or former law enforcement officer or first responder. (E)
- 333 Makes technical corrections to Title 5 of the Arkansas Code concerning criminal offenses and the criminal law.
- 367 Concerns the offense of aggravated assault upon a certified law enforcement officer or an employee of a correctional facility, provides a more serious penalty for knowingly discharging a firearm at a law enforcement officer in certain circumstances.
- 371 An act concerning the criminal offense of internet stalking of a child.
- 378 An act concerning a new or inactive law enforcement agency.
- 382 Concerns the termination of obligation to register with the Arkansas Sex Offender registry and removes a person from the Sex Offender Registry when the person has died.
- 389 Prohibits cruelty towards certain types of equines under the criminal law.
- 400 Allows an out-of-state law enforcement officer to follow a vehicle into Arkansas to investigate an offense involving a violent crime, a felony or the operation of a vehicle while the driver is intoxicated, impaired or under the influence.
- 418 Prohibits improper sexual conduct between a probation or parole officer and a person being supervised on probation, parole or other court ordered reason.
- 423 Creates the Criminal Justice Efficiency and Safety Act of 2017.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 429 Concerns criminal victim notification concerning the release of a person who committed a criminal act and was adjudicated to have a mental disease or defect.
- 439 To be known as “Shannon’s Law” concerning the possession and sale of blue lights and law enforcement insignia.
- 444 Permits Act 309 inmates in the custody of the Department of Correction who are housed in a county jail to work for local non-profit organizations. (E)
- 472 Concerns the criminal defenses of fitness to proceed and lack of criminal responsibility.
- 486 Concerns the rights of a concealed handgun licensee.
- 497 Concerns law enforcement officers standards and training, concerns the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and repeals obsolete language.
- 506 To be known as the Mental Health Specialty court Act of 2017.
- 515 Amends the law concerning the offense of violation of an order of protection and criminalizes the violation of a military order of protection.
- 524 Makes an appropriation for personal and operating expenses for the Department of Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2108. (E)
- 531 Protects the privacy of surviving family members of a law enforcement officer who dies in the line of duty, exempts certain law enforcement records from disclosure under the FOI Act of 1967. (E)
- 538 Requires lifetime registration on the Arkansas Sex Offender Registry for a person convicted of rape when the rape involved the use of force.
- 539 Concerns the sentencing of a person under eighteen years of age establishing the Fair Sentencing of Minors Act of 2017. (E)
- 557 Authorizes the issuance of a digital copy of an Arkansas Driver’s License.
- 566 Creates the “Helping Our People Excel (H.O.P.E.) Act of 2017.
- 579 Concerns the transportation of maltreated adults, defines “impairment” under the Adult Maltreatment Custody Act and the Adult and Long Term Care Facility Resident Maltreatment Act.
- 615 Concerns a person leaving the scene of an accident that involves damage only to the vehicle or to the personal property of another person.
- 625 Amends the law concerning the law enforcement officers’ memorial.
- 626 Amends the law concerning the Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System. (*)
- 630 Concerns the offense and statute of limitations for arson.
- 660 Concerns the offense of sexual assault in the third degree.
- 662 Addresses the sealing of a person’s felony record when the person is a first-time felony offender.

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- 664 Creates the offense of sexual extortion, including sexual extortion as a disqualifying offense for certain employment or licensure and includes sexual extortion as an offense requiring registration as a sexual offender.
- 706 Amends the law concerning distracted driving.
- 714 Concerns the assessment of an additional fine for criminal offenses committed against or in the presence of a child and the assessment of an additional fine for traffic violations committed in the presence of a child.
- 765 Concerns the offense of sexual solicitation, provides for impoundment of a motor vehicle, and provides for human trafficking awareness education for educators.
- 789 Prohibits interference with a traffic control device or barricade.
- 793 Clarifies when certain emergency vehicles are required to display flashing lights, amends the law concerning the liability associated with the failure to display flashing lights.
- 816 Concerns the traffic laws for a funeral procession, grants funeral procession the right-of-way and prohibits other motor vehicles from interfering with a funeral procession.
- 825 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 847 Concerns the offense of loitering.
- 849 Concerns the possession of an open container containing an alcoholic beverage.
- 875 Allows a wet county to authorize by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption.
- 877 Concerns private real property rights, protects natural resources, agricultural resources and historical artifacts; deters criminal activity on a person's real property and concerns the offense of criminal trespass.
- 885 Concerns installment payments by a person who owes court costs, fines or restitution to a circuit court.
- 887 Concerns the criminal offense of fleeing.
- 888 Clarifies the criminal offense of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 891 Concerns the disclosure of the personal information in an investigative file of a law enforcement agency of a person who was a minor at the time of an offense.
- 907 Establishes the Stolen Valor Act.
- 909 Concerns a registered sex offender on the campus of a private school.
- 915 Amends the law concerning driver's license reinstatement fees.
- 916 Concerns the registration of convicted sex offenders on the Arkansas Sex Offender Registry, concerns required information on the Arkansas Sex Offender Registry and in-person reporting.
- 920 Concerns sexual assault medical legal examinations and concerns the collection and testing of DNA during a criminal

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- investigation.
- 925 Concerns the purchase of alcohol by a minor at the direction of a law enforcement agency or state agency.
- 932 Concerns credit or debit card “skimming” creating the offense of unauthorized acquisition or transfer of financial sight order or payment card information.
- 952 Concerns offenses involving riots, interference with emergency medical services personnel or first responders, disorderly conduct and obstructing a highway or other public passage and establishes civil liability.
- 957 An act concerning the ability of auxiliary law enforcement or retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed handgun and to be exempted from the licensing requirements to carry a concealed handgun.
- 985 Amends the law concerning pawnbrokers, creates the Arkansas Pawnbrokers Act and creates the Pawnbroker Licensure Commission.
- 993 Amends the law concerning the rights of incarcerated parents and the termination of parental rights.
- 1012 Concerns driver’s licenses and the ability of a person with a suspended driver’s license to drive to and from work and concerns a hardship license.
- 1031 Amends the implied consent law in relation to the offense of driving or boating while intoxicated.
- 1032 Concerns the offense of driving or boating while intoxicated and the disposition of a defendant convicted of driving or boating while intoxicated.
- 1047 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1071 Permits concealed carry licensee to possess a concealed handgun in his or her employer’s parking lot.
- 1072 Amends the law concerning the boater training and boater safety program.
- 1087 Concerns the carrying and possession of a concealed handgun and amends ACA 5-73-122.
- 1094 Concerns the use of an ignition interlock device.
- 1097 Amends the law concerning speed limits.
- 1109 Requires a person convicted of an offense using a computer or the internet to pay an additional fee and creates a fee.
- 1112 Authorizes the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to initiate the permitting process for private clubs.

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COUNTY TREASURERS

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 51 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 85 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 91 Makes an appropriation for state turnback for counties and municipalities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 111 An act for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management appropriation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 133 Makes an appropriation for distribution of Amendment 74 funds to counties by the office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 135 Makes an appropriation for the refund of local sales and use taxes by the office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 137 Makes an appropriation for the animal rescue shelters for the office of Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 161 Ensures the proper collection and disbursement of late assessment fees.
- 185 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Veteran's Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 188 Appropriates for personal services and operating expenses for the Assessment Coordination Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 196 Makes a technical correction concerning school district coordinators.
- 197 Amends the law concerning the collection and distribution of delinquent personal taxes.
- 236 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Dept. of Education – Arkansas State Library for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 276 Amends the law concerning reimbursement for juror orientation costs.
- 296 Amends provisions concerning the State Treasury Money Management Trust. (E)
- 369 Amends provisions of the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act, authorizes the use of digitized signature of a county treasurer.
- 391 Amends Arkansas law pertaining to the duties and operations of Arkansas Legislative Audit.
- 394 Allows a business engaged in the business of renting heavy

ACT**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- equipment property to collect a recovery fee from certain consumers. (*)
- 420 Amends the law concerning a county treasurer's commission.
- 443 Amends the law concerning the number of members serving on the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board and the County Collectors Continuing Education Board.
- 495 Allows different addresses of record to be used when sending notices to property owners for code violations that could result in liens.
- 506 To be known as the Mental Health Specialty court Act of 2017.
- 523 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 524 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 527 Amends the law concerning the county fiscal year and county accounting practices.
- 621 Amends the requirements for the delivery and storage of ballot stubs.
- 657 Regarding salaries of personnel and other requirements of various district courts.
- 678 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Commissioner of State Lands and for distributing proceeds from the sale or redemption of tax delinquent land for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 690 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for Trial Court Administrators, the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts, Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers, and Drug Court Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 704 Amends the law concerning distribution of interest income earned on highway revenues. (*)
- 712 Creates a procedure for the revocation of a charter of a municipal corporation as a result of the municipal corporation's noncompliance with the law.
- 714 Concerns the assessment of an additional fine for criminal offenses committed against or in the presence of a child and the assessment of an additional fine for traffic violations committed in the presence of a child.
- 734 Amends the taxable wage base, weekly benefit amount, maximum benefit amount, and certain eligibility requirements under the Department of Workforce Services Law. (*)
- 751 Amends the law concerning the allocation of revenue within a county composed of dual judicial districts. (E)
- 765 Concerns the offense of sexual solicitation, provides for impoundment of a motor vehicle, and provides for human trafficking awareness education for educators.

ACT**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- 772 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Community Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 825 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 828 For the Arkansas Public Defender Commission Appropriation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 854 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 885 Concerns installment payments by a person who owes court costs, fines or restitution to a circuit court.
- 907 Establishes the Stolen Valor Act.
- 1000 An act for the Department of Finance & Administration – Disbursing Officer appropriation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 1053 Amends the law concerning the sale and redemption of tax delinquent property.
- 1126 Amends the law concerning the discount available to taxpayers for prompt submission of sales tax returns and payments. (*)

ACT**ELECTIONS**

- 47 Amends the ballot order for the establishment of local boards of community colleges.
- 85 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 144 Amends the law regarding local option elections in defunct voting districts that resulted from initiated measure 1 of 1942 and authorizes elections regarding on-premises consumption through both petition and city ordinance.
- 163 Revises various provisions concerning election procedures in which a mayoral candidate receives less than a majority.
- 164 Amends the deadline for conduction of logic and accuracy testing for runoff elections.
- 171 Concerns the filing of vacancies in certain municipal elective offices.
- 247 Makes a technical correction concerning the authority of the state board of election commissioners to impose certain sanctions.
- 297 Clarifies the law concerning the nomination requirements for new political parties.
- 300 Clarifies procedures for voting precincts in counties that have established vote centers.
- 310 Amends Arkansas law concerning the filling of vacancies in the

ACT**ELECTIONS (cont.)**

- 586 office of United States Senator. (E)
Requires verification of information contained in the petition or notice of write-in candidacy of a candidate for a position on the board of directors of a public-school district.
- 621 Amends the requirements for the delivery and storage of ballot stubs.
- 633 Requires that a voter provide verification of voter registration when voting to amend Amendment 51 of the Arkansas Constitution.
- 721 Amends the disclosure act for public initiatives, referenda and measures referred to voters, concerning registration and reporting requirements and concerning filing deadlines.
- 729 Amends the law concerning county court filing fees.
- 730 Amends the law concerning unopposed candidates.
- 787 Amends requirements for campaign signs and materials.
- 790 Amends the dates for processing absentee ballots.
- 798 To improve election administration transparency and to resolve a conflict in the law concerning public notice of elections.
- 908 Amends the law concerning elections and ballots.
- 910 Changes the date of the annual school election. (*)
- 1014 Creates the Voting and Transparency Act of 2017 and amends the law concerning elections and voting.
- 1088 Amends the law concerning primary elections, runoff elections and special elections.
- 1104 Amends provisions in the Arkansas Code concerning election runoffs, initiatives and referendums.

ACT**GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

- 138 Grants municipal clerks the authority to administer oaths of office.
- 153 Concerns criminal detention facility review committees, reduces the size of state government, reduces expenses and encourages efficiency.
- 154 Removes the Dept. of Labor from the Voluntary Program for Drug Free Workplaces administered by the Workers' Compensation Commission.
- 156 Creates the Uniform State Seeds Standardization Act.
- 158 Amends the law concerning the limitation on candidacy for more than one election office.
- 161 Ensures the proper collection and disbursement of late assessment fees.
- 172 Concerning State District Courts, concerning the Third Judicial District. (E)
- 191 Amends the definition of "employer" and the Hate Offense and Retaliation Provisions of the Arkansas Civil Rights Act of 1993.
- 193 Amends the law concerning purchases by a county from county

ACT**GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (cont.)**

- government officers and employees.
- 194 Amends the law concerning the compensation of a county coroner.
260 Makes technical corrections to Title 14 of the Arkansas Code concerning local government.
- 299 Clarifies the duties of the Justice of the Peace.
306 Creates the Arkansas Electronic Notary Public Act.
323 Amends the law concerning district court clerk employment.
369 Amends provisions of the Uniform Facsimile Signature of Public Officials Act; authorizes the use of a digitized signature of a county treasurer.
- 395 Amends the book report of the Secretary of State.
431 Amends certain criminal offenses concerning abuses of public office and public trust.
- 452 Authorizes counties to provide job training services.
498 Amends the law concerning the report of a loss of public funds.
506 To be known as the Mental Health Specialty Court Act of 2017.
509 Creates the Workforce Development Center Authority Act.
529 Clarifies the law concerning leave of absence for certain training programs of the National Guard or of the United States Armed Forces.
- 533 Amends the Local Government Bond Act of 1985, implements Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 97 as it relates to the Local Government Bond Act of 1985.
- 537 Clarifies Arkansas law related to notaries public.
540 Amends the law concerning appointments to certain boards, commissions, committees and other administrative bodies.
- 558 Concerns exceptions under ACA 16-22-211 for an instrumentality of government and governmental self-funded groups and self-insurance risk pools.
- 560 Concerns county record retention, implements requirements for record retention conversion review.
- 643 Prohibits political subdivisions of the state from requiring more than federal or state requirements from employers.
- 685 Enhances local economic development efforts.
703 Amends the law concerning fire department organization.
712 Creates a procedure for the revocation of a charter of a municipal corporation as a result of the municipal corporation's noncompliance with the law.
- 723 Concerning District courts, to make technical corrections and to repeal unnecessary statutes.
- 751 Amends the law concerning the allocation of revenue within a county composed of dual judicial districts. (E)
- 757 Concerns the duties of a justice of the peace.
765 Concerns the offense of sexual solicitation, provides for impoundment of a motor vehicle and provides for human trafficking awareness education for educators.
- 787 Amends requirements for campaign signs and materials.
791 Concerns remedies available to persons terminated in violation of

ACT**GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (cont.)**

- the Arkansas Whistle Blowers Act.
- 792 Amends the law concerning social media accounts of current and prospective employees.
- 875 Allows a wet county to authorize by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption.
- 923 Creates the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act Task Force in order to evaluate and recommend changes to the Freedom of Information Act.
- 960 Creates the Arkansas Paperwork Efficiency and Transparency Act, permits electronic document submissions and publications and amends the law concerning the inspection of public records.
- 980 Protects the rights and privileges granted under the Arkansas Constitution and the US Constitution and declares American law for American courts.
- 1002 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1030 Concerns a party in an action for declaratory relief. (E)
- 1056 Creates the Water Provider Legislative Task Force.
- 1083 Amends the Revenue Stabilization Law. (E)
- 1090 Concerns the concealed carry of a handgun by a concealed carry licensee inside a courtroom.
- 1107 Amends the Freedom of Information Act of 1967; amends the law concerning information for public guidance. (E)
- 1112 Authorizes the governing bodies of counties and municipalities to initiate the permitting process for private clubs.
- 1122 Amends the law concerning ambulance licensing.
- 1126 Amends the law concerning the discount available to taxpayers for prompt submission of sales tax returns and payments.

ACT**RETIREMENT ACTS**

- 311 Amends the law concerning membership and vacancies on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System. (E)
- 437 An act concerning the purchase of service credit by public safety members of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.
- 502 Amends the law concerning a member's eligibility for participation in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan. (E)
- 552 Amends the law concerning a member's cessation of participation in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan. (*)
- 770 Amends the law concerning the investment practices of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.

ACT

APPROPRIATION ACTS

- 41 Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for the county clerks, circuit clerks, county treasurers, county collectors and county coroners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 51 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 85 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 91 Makes an appropriation for state turnback for counties and municipalities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 111 An act for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management appropriation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 133 Makes an appropriation for distribution of Amendment 74 funds to counties by the office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 135 Makes an appropriation for the refund of local sales and use taxes by the office of the Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 137 Appropriates for animal rescue shelters for the office of Treasurer of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 185 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Veteran's Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 188 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Assessment Coordination Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 234 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Arkansas Heritage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 236 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Dept. of Education – Arkansas State Library for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 238 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 287 An act for the Secretary of State – Capital Improvement Projects General Improvement Appropriation. (E)
- 468 Appropriation for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Capital Improvement, Grans and Programs General Improvement Fund. (E)
- 510 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Parks & Tourism for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 523 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Dept. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)

ACT**APPROPRIATION ACTS (cont.)**

- 524 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 604 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Secretary of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 678 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Commissioner of State Lands and for distributing proceeds from the sales or redemption of tax delinquent land for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 690 Appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for Trial Court Administrators, the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts, Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers, and Drug Court Juvenile Probation and Intake Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 772 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Community Correction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 773 An act for the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department – Intermodal Facilities Grants and transportation related research grants appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 785 Appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management – 911 and Emergency Community Systems for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 825 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 828 An act for the Arkansas Public Defender Commission appropriation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 841 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 854 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Department of Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1000 An act for the Department of Finance & Administration – Disbursing Officer appropriation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. (E)
- 1001 An appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1002 An appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the office of Attorney General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1047 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the fiscal year

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APPROPRIATION ACTS (cont.)

- ending June 30, 2018. (E)
- 1048 Makes an appropriation for personal services and operating expenses for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. prompt submission of sales tax returns and payments. (E)
- 1083 Amends the Revenue Stabilization Law. (E)

WHEN AN ACT BECOMES LAW

- (1) **(* Specific Effective Dates** – part or all of these acts have a specified effective date in the law, if so, these are effective on that date.
- (2) **(E) Emergency Clauses** – many acts have emergency clauses which make the act effective on the date it is signed by the Governor or becomes law without signature.
- (3) **Appropriation Acts** – These Acts are effective July 1, 2017 or the first day of the fiscal year. The fiscal year for the State of Arkansas is July 1 – June 30.
- (4) **General Acts** – Acts which contain none of the above are effective 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns. (Amendment 7 to the Arkansas Constitution, as interpreted by Attorney General’s Opinion #83-74.) The General Assembly is expected to adjourn sine die on May 1st, therefore, the effective date of the Acts, without emergency clause or built-in effective date, passed by the 91st General Assembly is expected to be July 31st.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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| HJR 1016 | An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution concerning voter identification when casting a ballot. |
| SJR 8 | A constitutional amendment limiting contingency fees and awards of punitive and non-economic damages and changing the powers of the General Assembly and the Supreme Court regarding rules of pleading, practice and procedure. |

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