



**INDEX OF COUNTY
GOVERNMENT ACTS
2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**





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Foreword

The following list of Acts of the 2021 Regular Session of the 93rd 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 1,675 bills filed during the session, 1,112 became Acts. AAC tracked 508 bills during the session that could affect county government. Two hundred and eighty-six of those bills became law.

The AAC legislative package contained 33 bills, of which 31 passed and are now Acts. That is a 94 percent success rate, same as 2019.

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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ACT

COUNTY ASSESSORS

- 278 AUTHORIZES ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES; MAKES VARIOUS REVISIONS RELATING TO ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING BY A COUNTY'S PREPARER OF THE TAX BOOKS.
- 359 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT THAT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FILE WITH COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.
- 411 REMOVES LANGUAGE REQUIRING COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE CURRENTLY FULL-TIME TO RECEIVE A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENT FOR THIS YEAR. (E)
- 447 AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO CONDUCT DELINQUENT LAND AUCTIONS AND NEGOTIATED-PRICE SALES ONLINE, REMOVING THE IN-PERSON AUCTION AND SALES METHOD. (E)
- 668 REQUIRES COUNTY ASSESSORS TO ASSESS THE VALUE OF OIL WELL PIPING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS REAL PROPERTY, AT ONE DOLLAR PER FOOT. PROVIDES FURTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE WORKING INTEREST-ASSESSED VALUE AND USING THE INCOME APPROACH. (*)
- 726 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DF&A, ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 823 REQUIRES AN ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT FROM THE ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION, RATHER THAN THE BIENNIAL REPORT FROM THE PSC, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; REQUIRES ANY NEW ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES TO BE INCLUDED FOR REVIEW.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.
- 1075 REQUIRES A COUNTY OR THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER WITH WHOM IT CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE UPON REQUEST NONENCRYPTED, BULK PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED; DOES NOT APPLY TO AUDIO OR VIDEO FILE FORMATS OR REDACTED, PROPRIETARY OR EXEMPT DATA.

ACT

COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS

- 58 AUTHORIZES SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS, EITHER NEWLY CREATED BY A CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT, OR AS REVISED VERSIONS OF CURRENT DRUG COURTS, SMARTER SENTENCING COURTS, ETC. ADDS NEW GOVERNING PROVISIONS, WITH NEW CHAPTERS FOR BWI/DWI AND VETERANS TREATMENT.

- 78 MAKES CHANGES TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING COMMISSION AND TO THE TERMS OF ITS MEMBERS; ELIMINATES ONE POSITION FOR AN ACTIVE STATE LEGISLATOR AND SUBSTITUTES ONE MEMBER FROM THE BANKING, TITLE OR REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY.

- 187 AUTHORIZES THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL JUVENILE RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR RISK ASSESSMENT, CLASSIFICATION PLAN, OR SUPERVISION PLAN PURPOSES.

- 219 PERMITS A JUROR RECEIVING PER DIEM COMPENSATION TO DONATE THOSE FUNDS TO AN ELIGIBLE STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ENTITY PROVIDING SPECIFIED SERVICES AND VERIFIED AND LISTED BY THE ADIMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS. (*)

- 222 AUTHORIZES MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEFER JURY DUTY UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER SINE DIE IF CALLED DURING A SESSION OR WITHIN 30 DAYS PRECEDING THE CONVENING OF A SESSION. ALLOWS PERSONS OVER 80 TO EXCUSE THEMSELVES FROM JURY SERVICE.

- 258 AUTHORIZES COUNTY RECORDERS TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR FEES, OR TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEES; ADJUSTS THE PROCESS FOR RECORDS OF LIENS AND RELEASES.

- 310 EXPANDS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO PERMIT COPYING PUBLIC DOCUMENTS BY TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEM.

- 341 SETS A 30-DAY PERIOD FOR A PROSECUTOR TO FILE WITH THE COURT NOTICE OF OPPOSITION TO A PETITION SEEKING TO SEAL FELONY CONVICTION RECORDS. THE 30-DAY PERIOD BEGINS UPON THE RECEIPT OF THE PETITION OR THE FILING OF THE PETITION, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

- 356 MAKES TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY BY POWER OF ATTORNEY.

- 424 ADDS DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO THE LIST OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES BEFORE WHOM THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND AUDITOR OF STATE, AND OTHER JUSTICES AND JUDGES MAY TAKE THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE.

- 690 CHANGES PROCEDURES FOR SEALING SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSSESSION CONVICTIONS GENERALLY TO APPLY ONLY TO FELONY SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSSESSIONS.

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COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS (cont.)

- 738 DETERMINES WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA MAY ATTEND HEARINGS CONCERNING CHILD CUSTODY, PATERNITY AND MATTERS HEARD UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE AND EXAMINE RELATED DOCUMENTS AND RECORDINGS.
- 824 EXPANDS THE USE OF CERTIFIED COURTHOUSE FACILITY DOGS TO VULNERABLE WITNESSES, DEFINED AS THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR SIGNIFICANT IMPAIRMENTS IN COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING.
- 927 MAKES NUMEROUS TECHNICAL CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT; REPEALS LANGUAGE PROHIBITING HEALTHCARE COVERAGE PREMIUMS FROM BEING DEEMED OR USED AS A DIRECT OFFSET TO A CHILD SUPPORT AWARD.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.
- 982 EXTENDS THE UNIFORM ADDITIONAL FEE FOR RECORDING INSTRUMENTS TO APPLY TO OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROHIBITS THE CHARGING OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE OTHER THAN TO ASSIGN, RELEASE, MODIFY OR CORRECT A PREVIOUSLY RECORDED DEED OR SIMILAR INSTRUMENT.
- 991 REQUIRES THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM REPORTING TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A DEFENDANT'S BAIL STATUS FOR ANY COURT THAT USES CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.
- 1023 REVISES CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS AND REQUIRES CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE SEIZED PROPERTY SHOULD BE FORFEITED. AUTHORIZES THE USE OF FORFEITED MONEY IN THE DRUG CONTROL FUND FOR GRANTS TO FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FAMILIES.
- 1026 AUTHORIZES COURTS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO TESTIFY REMOTELY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGY IN JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.
- 1037 REQUIRES THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR DWI/BWI OFFENSES UNDER § 5-65-111 TO HAVE ELAPSED PRIOR TO A PERSON FILING A NEW UNIFORM PETITION TO SEAL RECORD.
- 1047 CREATES AN ONLINE NOTARIAL PROCESS, AUTHORIZING A NOTARY PUBLIC TO NOTARIZE SIGNATURES VIRTUALLY. REQUIRES AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF A PERSON WHOSE IDENTITY THE NOTARY CAN VERIFY USING APPROVED COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY. (E)

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COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS (cont.)

- 1048 AUTHORIZES PERSONS WHO ARE SENTENCED TO BE INCARCERATED TO RECEIVE A COMPLETE COMPILATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS, SUMMONS, AND PENDING MISDEMEANOR CASES AND TO PETITION FOR RESOLUTION OF THOSE OFFENSES. CREATES A RELATED TASK FORCE. (E)

- 1049 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO A COURT'S AUTHORITY TO REQUEST THE SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. AMENDS RELATED PROCEDURES. AUTHORIZES THE COURT TO ORDER RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMITS FOR THOSE PERSONS.

- 1052 ESTABLISHES IMPLIED RESIDENTIAL QUALITY STANDARDS AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LEASED PROPERTIES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN AN OPTION TO PURCHASE; SETS FORTH REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS.

- 1065 MAKES DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS WELL AS ANY RELATED PENALTIES SUBJECT TO SETOFF AGAINST A TAXPAYER'S STATE TAX REFUND AND PROCEEDS COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

- 1068 AUTHORIZES A COURT TO ENTER AN EX PARTE ORDER OF PROTECTION, ENJOINING A PARTY FROM ENGAGING IN COERCIVE CONTROL OR DISTURBING THE PEACE AS DEFINED; PERMITS THE COURT TO GRANT THE PETITIONER THE EXCLUSIVE CARE, POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF AN ANIMAL; MORE.

- 1071 PERMITS A FELONY DEFENDANT OR INMATE TO REQUEST LOWER INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OR TEMPORARY ABATEMENT. SETS A MAXIMUM BOND AMOUNT FOR DELINQUENT DEFENDANTS ON INSTALLMENTS WITH A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST AT TEN PERCENT OF THE ARREARAGE.

- 1108 REQUIRES THAT ANY CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARISING FROM A FAILURE TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTORY FORECLOSURE ACT BE ASSERTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FORECLOSURE SALE TO ENSURE THE FINALITY OF SALES THAT SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE ACT. (*)

- 1110 REQUIRES INCARCERATED PERSONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO USE ANY FEDERAL RELIEF OR STIMULUS FUNDS TO PAY OUTSTANDING COURT FINES, FEES, COSTS, OR RESTITUTION; PLACES REMAINING FUNDS IN INMATE WELFARE FUND AND THE DOC INMATE CARE ACCOUNT. (E)

ACT

COUNTY COLLECTORS

- 83 AMENDS QUORUM COURT REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE CREATION OF A FIRE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PETITION; ALLOWS THE LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; AUTHORIZES COUNTY CLERKS TO CERTIFY PETITION.

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COUNTY COLLECTORS (cont.)

- 267 INCREASES THE MAXIMUM RATE OF TAX FOR A LEVEE AND/OR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FROM 25 CENTS PER ACRE TO \$2.50 PER ACRE ON RURAL LANDS.
- 278 AUTHORIZES ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES; MAKES VARIOUS REVISIONS RELATING TO ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING BY A COUNTY'S PREPARER OF THE TAX BOOKS.
- 307 AUTHORIZES COUNTY COLLECTORS TO OPEN THEIR TAX BOOKS FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES BEFORE THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY IN MARCH IF THE TAX BOOKS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION. (E)
- 350 AUTHORIZES SCHOOL AND CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT USES FOR LAND THAT THE LAND COMMISSIONER HAS DONATED FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE URBAN HOMESTEAD ACT. (E)
- 359 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FILE WITH COUNTY CLERKS FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.
- 447 AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO CONDUCT DELINQUENT LAND AUCTIONS AND NEGOTIATED-PRICE SALES ONLINE, REMOVING THE IN-PERSON AUCTION AND SALES METHODS. (E)
- 452 REPEALS OBSOLETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF LOCAL TAXES.
- 455 REQUIRES THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS TO PROVIDE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SYSTEMS TO PERFORM ELECTRONIC ACCEPTANCE, SOLICITATION, PAYMENTS, ETC., AND A WEBSITE PUBLISHING ALL INFORMATION AND RECORDS, FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXTRACTION. (*)
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.
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COUNTY CLERKS

- 8 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF STATE, CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 56 CREATES AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FOR ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD DURING A DECLARED DISASTER; REQUIRES SUCH MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED AND RETAINED FOR ONE YEAR. (E)
- 66 AMENDS PROVISIONS FOR RECORD RETENTION FOR COUNTY TREASURERS, AUTHORIZES A QUORUM COURT TO ASSIGN DUTIES RELATED TO PAYROLL AND JURY DUTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY, AUTHORIZES COUNTIES TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS, OTHER.
- 83 AMENDS QUORUM COURT REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE CREATION OF A FIRE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PETITION; ALLOWS THE LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; AUTHORIZES COUNTY CLERKS TO CERTIFY PETITION.
- 265 AUTHORIZES A SINGLE COUNTY TO CONSOLIDATE TWO OR MORE LEVEE DISTRICTS INTO ONE DISTRICT. WAIVES NOTICE REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO NEWLY FORMED LEVEE DISTRICTS.
- 266 CREATES A PROCESS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OR ABOLITION OF A LEVEE DISTRICT BY PETITION.
- 278 AUTHORIZES ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES; MAKES VARIOUS REVISIONS RELATING TO ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING BY A COUNTY'S PREPARER OF THE TAX BOOKS.
- 312 REQUIRES COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL TAXES AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THOSE PAYMENTS TO THEIR COUNTY JUDGES, CLERKS AND TREASURERS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PAYMENT.
- 359 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FILE WITH COUNTY CLERKS FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.
- 423 AUTHORIZES THE DISTRIBUTEE OF AN ESTATE TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF THE ESTATE WITHOUT FILING A PETITION FOR PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION OR OBTAINING A COURT ORDER GRANTING A PETITION.
- 424 ADDS DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO THE LIST OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES BEFORE WHOM THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND AUDITOR OF STATE, AND OTHER JUSTICES AND JUDGES MAY TAKE THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE.
- 464 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROVISIONS OF TITLE 1.
- 470 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9.

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COUNTY CLERKS (cont.)

- 475 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16.
- 520 EXEMPTS NEW MOTOR VEHICLE RACING FACILITIES FROM CERTAIN REGULATIONS WHEN THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED AT LEAST ONE MILE FROM THE BOUNDARY OF A CITY. REQUIRES THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING UPON APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT AND APPROVE OR DENY THE PERMIT.
- 729 REMOVES COUNTY CLERKS FROM THE PROCESS OF DESIGNATING AND CERTIFYING VOTER CENTERS.
- 898 ALLOWS FORMER MAYORS OF ANY CITY OF THE FIRST OR SECOND CLASS WHO SERVED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AS MAYOR TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.
- 952 DIRECTS A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THAT RECEIVES A WRITTEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING ANY ELECTION LAW VIOLATION OR IRREGULARITY TO SEND THE COMPLAINT TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, RATHER THAN THE COUNTY CLERK AND PROSECUTOR.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNTY PAID.
- 980 PROVIDES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO REQUEST SECURE VOTER STATUS FOR THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION, MAKING ADDRESS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.
- 1047 CREATES AN ONLINE NOTARIAL PROCESS, AUTHORIZING A NOTARY PUBLIC TO NOTARIZE SIGNATURES VIRTUALLY. REQUIRES AN AUDIOVISUAL RECORDING AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE OF A PERSON WHOSE IDENTITY THE NOTARY CAN VERIFY USING APPROVED COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY. (E)

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COUNTY CORONERS

- 8 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF STATE, CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 60 EXEMPTS DEPUTY CORONERS WHO BEGAN EMPLOYMENT IN 2020 FROM FIRST-YEAR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNTIL 2021, IN LIGHT OF CANCELLATIONS AND LIMITED PROGRAM AVAILABILITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (E)
- 132 STATES THAT A DEAD BODY IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE EMBALMED, AND THAT A BODY NOT BURIED OR CREMATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DEATH MUST BE EITHER EMBALMED OR REFRIGERATED.

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COUNTY CORONERS (cont.)

708 AUTHORIZES CORONERS TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO SECURE ANTEMORTEM BLOOD, URINE OR OTHER BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS OR TOXICOLOGICAL SAMPLES RELEVANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE CAUSE OF DEATH; PERMITS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO MAKE SAMPLES AVAILABLE TO CORONERS; MORE.

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COUNTY JUDGES

56 CREATES AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FOR ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD DURING A DECLARED DISASTER; REQUIRES SUCH MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED AND RETAINED FOR ONE YEAR. (E)

67 EXTENDS THE DEFINITION OF A GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO INCLUDE CONSOLIDATED UTILITY DISTRICTS, AUTHORIZING UTILITY DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, VOICE, DATA, BROADBAND, VIDEO OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. (E)

83 AMENDS QUORUM COURT REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE CREATION OF A FIRE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PETITION; ALLOWS THE LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; AUTHORIZES COUNTY CLERKS TO CERTIFY PETITION.

94 LISTS A NUMBER OF ACTIONS THAT THE GOVERNOR AND OFFICIALS MAY NOT TAKE WITH REGARD TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS DURING A DISASTER EMERGENCY. (E)

188 AUTHORIZES A COUNTY TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY ROADS. (E)

255 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESSES FOR SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES OF COUNTY ELECTIVE, COUNTY QUORUM COURT DISTRICT, AND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

265 AUTHORIZES A SINGLE COUNTY TO CONSOLIDATE TWO OR MORE LEVEE DISTRICTS INTO ONE DISTRICT. WAIVES NOTICE REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO NEWLY FORMED LEVEE DISTRICTS.

266 CREATES A PROCESS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OR ABOLITION OF A LEVEE DISTRICT BY PETITION.

267 INCREASES THE MAXIMUM RATE OF TAX FOR A LEVEE AND/OR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FROM 25 CENTS PER ACRE TO \$2.50 PER ACRE ON RURAL LANDS.

312 REQUIRES COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL TAXES AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THOSE PAYMENTS TO THEIR COUNTY JUDGES, CLERKS AND TREASURERS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PAYMENT.

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 359 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FILE WITH COUNTY CLERKS FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.
- 382 REQUIRES EACH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MAP THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE PROPER LOCAL OFFICAL; ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR THE MAP; REQUIRES REGULAR MAINTENANCE TO ASSIST THE 911 BOARD.
- 424 ADDS DISTRICT COURT JUDGES TO THE LIST OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES BEFORE WHOM THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND AUDITOR OF STATE, AND OTHER JUSTICES AND JUDGES MAY TAKE THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE.
- 435 INCREASES PROCUREMENT BIDDING THRESHOLDS FOR PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS OF CITIES AND COUNTIES; PROVIDES FOR ADJUSTING THRESHOLDS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS. AMENDS PROVISIONS FOR SPECIFIC COMMODITIES PURCHASES.
- 438 PROVIDES FOR FUNDING FOR A NEW MUNICIPALITY THAT IS INCORPORATED DURING A CENSUS YEAR TO BE CALCULATED BASED ON THE MOST RECENT CENSUS AS CALCULATED BY THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE. (E)
- 440 RAISES THE THRESHOLD FOR REQUIRED OBSERVATION BY REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY PROJECTS FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000 AND FROM \$35,000 TO \$50,000 FOR OTHER AWARD PROCEDURES; SETS FORTH PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACTS.
- 454 MAKES ADJUSTMENTS TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN DISTRICT JUDGES AND DISTRICT COURT PERSONNEL AND CHANGES SOURCES OF FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOME COURTS.
- 502 DEFINES THE MARKINGS OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT MAY CAUSE A COURT TO FIND A PERSON INDIGENT, INCLUDING PLACING AN INCOME LIMIT, AND CREATING CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION IF A PRELIMINARY REVIEW DOES NOT LEAD TO THE COURT TO APPOINT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.
- 505 REQUIRES THE STAFF AND SUPERVISORS OF A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT OR DISPATCH CENTER BE TRAINED IN TELEPHONE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.
- 517 REPEALS THE PROVISION THAT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RECEIVING A DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY REVENUE OF \$2,000,000 OR MORE MUST REPORT DETAILS ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS ANNUALLY TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 520 EXEMPTS NEW MOTOR VEHICLE RACING FACILITIES FROM CERTAIN REGULATIONS WHEN THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED AT LEAST ONE MILE FROM THE BOUNDARY OF A CITY. REQUIRES THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING UPON APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT AND APPROVE OR DENY THE PERMIT.
- 567 PROHIBITS CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM PROPOSING AND ENFORCING THE REGULATION OF A TRADE, OCCUPATION, OR PROFESSION OTHER THAN TO THE EXTENT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 587 PERMITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A SOBERING CENTER; IMMUNIZES THE OFFICER FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY; STATES THAT A PERSON DETAINED FOR DRIVING OR BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED IS INELIGIBLE.
- 659 LIMITS ORDINANCES BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO HOME-BASED WORK TO THOSE LIMITING DISTURBANCES AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH CODES AND LAWS.
- 677 REQUIRES A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
- 685 REVISES DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEES. SPECIFIES THAT THE CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COORDINATOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS.
- 700 CREATES A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS AND THE STATE FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW. REPEALS PROCESS BY WHICH THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION GRADES FAIRS IN DETERMINING FUNDING AMOUNTS.
- 713 AMENDS THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF DEFACING AN OBJECT OF PUBLIC RESPECT, ADDING MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS, CAPITOL MALL, GOVERNOR'S MANSION GROUNDS.
- 749 DEFINES PROCEDURES FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER TO OBTAIN AN ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT TO ENTER PROPERTY WITH PROBABLE CAUSE TO INSPECT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS.
- 752 AUTHORIZES QUORUM COURTS TO APPROPRIATE FOR ANY ONE YEAR UP TO 100% OF THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THAT YEAR FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY AND UP TO 100% OF ANY REIMBURSEMENT MADE TO THE COUNTY.
- 776 REQUIRES THE DEPT. OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE REPORTS TO COUNTIES AND CITIES CONTAINING DATA ON SALES TAX REBATES AND CREDITS AWARDED FOR LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REBATES, AND FOR PURCHASED PROPERTY USED IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. (*)

ACT**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 795 ESTABLISHES BROADBAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS BY AUTHORIZING EXISTING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY TO PROVIDE, PROMOTE AND SUPPORT BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE AND FINANCE PUBLIC CAPITAL FACILITIES; MORE.
- 877 REQUIRES ELECTRICAL UTILITIES TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN ON FILE TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY WARMING CENTERS AND OTHER MECHANISMS TO PROTECT THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS; REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE NOTIFIED OF PLANNED POWER OUTAGES.
- 907 REQUIRES ANNUAL AUDITS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES SYSTEMS WITH 2,000 SERVICE CONNECTIONS, AN INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT MINIMUM NUMBERS THAT TRIGGER VARIOUS AUDITS.
- 921 REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT MAINTAINS A FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT POLICIES THAT MAKE ADDITIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO A FIREFIGHTER WHO HAS BEEN IN A CRITICAL INCIDENT.
- 941 AUTHORIZES TWO ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR COUNTIES THAT MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICERS AND MAINTAIN THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THE USDVA BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
- 943 PROHIBITS A CURRENT MEMBER OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD FROM HAVING A POSITION ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY THAT CREATED THE BOARD.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.
- 977 PROHIBITS SCHOOLS, LICENSING ENTITIES, AND EMPLOYERS (WHO ARE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM EXPOSURE) FROM MANDATING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS THROUGH DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION. (E)
- 983 PROVIDES FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO OFFER EXCESS ROAD MILLINGS FROM CONSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTIES IN WHICH PROJECTS ARE LOCATED. ADJOINING COUNTIES HAVE THE OPTION TO ACCEPT ANY MILLINGS THAT THE COUNTY CONTAINING THE PROJECT DOES NOT ACCEPT.
- 989 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROCEDURES FOR TREATING INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM DETENTION TIME IN A CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FROM 72 TO 96 HOURS.

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COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)

- 1003 PROHIBITS THE REMOVAL, RELOCATION, ALTERATION, DESTRUCTION OR VANDALISM OF ANY MONUMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMEMORATING HISTORICAL PERSONS OR EVENTS; CREATES CRIMINAL PENALTIES ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND THE COST OF REPAIR. (E)

- 1024 AUTHORIZES THE LICENSED CARRY OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN ANY BUILDING OWNED OR OPERATED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND IN WHICH ALCOHOL IS NOT REGULARLY SERVED AND HANDGUNS ARE NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED UNDER § 5-73-122.

- 1059 EXPANDS EXCEPTIONS TO PROVISIONS FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS TO INCLUDE DATA RELATED TO SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES GENERATED IN A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. PROVIDES FOR DF&A TO REPORT THE DATA MONTHLY TO REQUESTING COUNTIES. (E)

- 1095 INCLUDES POST-USE POLYMERS AND RECOVERED FEEDSTOCKS IN THE DEFINITION OF SOLID WASTE AND PROVIDES VARIOUS TECHNICAL DEFINITIONS RELATED TO RECYCLING AND MATERIALS; STATES INTENT TO HELP FACILITATE GROWTH AND INVESTMENT OF FACILITIES.

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COUNTY SHERIFFS

- 57 CLARIFIES THAT A SEX OFFENDER REQUIRED TO REGISTER IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH HE OR SHE WAS ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT OR GUILTY, INCLUDING JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER STATES, MUST REGISTER WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF MOVING TO OR RETURNING TO THIS STATE.

- 58 AUTHORIZES SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS, EITHER NEWLY CREATED BY A CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT, OR AS REVISED VERSIONS OF CURRENT DRUG COURTS, SMARTER SENTENCING COURTS, ETC. ADDS NEW GOVERNING PROVISIONS, WITH NEW CHAPTERS FOR BWI/DWI AND VETERANS TREATMENT.

- 188 AUTHORIZES A COUNTY TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY ROADS. (E)

- 218 AUTHORIZES POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO APPOINT PART-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EQUAL TO 2 PART-TIME OFFICERS PER EACH FULL-TIME OFFICER; MAKES OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO PERSONNEL AND THE CREATION OR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

- 250 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETREAT IF THEY HAD A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THEIR USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE WAS NECESSARY TO PROTECT AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON'S IMMINENT THREAT TO CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 274 INCREASES THE PERIOD OF TIME A PERSON MAY BE SUBJECTED TO ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS FOR DWI OR BWI FROM FIVE YEARS TO 10 YEARS AFTER THE PREVIOUS CONVICTION AND FROM 10 TO 20 YEARS FOR A SIXTH OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION.
- 325 INCLUDES MUNICIPALLY OPERATED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMIES IN PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAINING COSTS OR EXPENSES BY EMPLOYING AGENCIES.
- 340 ADDS THEFT OF A POSTAL PACKAGE FROM THE CURTILAGE OF A RESIDENCE OR FROM A DELIVERY VEHICLE TO THE CLASS D FELONY OFFENSE FOR THEFT OF PROPERTY. (E)
- 375 MAKES DOXXING OF A MINOR A CLASS C FELONY, DEFINED AS A DISSEMINATION OF PERSONALLY-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF A MINOR VIA SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM WITH THE INTENT TO INTIMIDATE, ABUSE, OR THREATEN, OR WHERE THE MINOR IS PLACED IN FEAR OF HARM.
- 395 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORT BE FILED WITH ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, OR ANY OTHER TWO-WHEELED OR THREE-WHEELED VEHICLE.
- 422 PROHIBITS RESTRICTIVE HOUSING, WITH EXCEPTIONS, FOR INMATES AND DETAINEES WHO ARE PREGNANT OR WHO RECENTLY DELIVERED A CHILD.
- 433 REPEALS A STATUTE THAT PROHIBITS POSSESSION OF A LOADED CENTER FIRE WEAPON IN SPECIFIC AREAS WITHIN GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES.
- 439 AUTHORIZES TRAINED EMPLOYEES OF CITY OR COUNTY DETENTION CENTERS TO DRAW AND MEASURE GLUCAGON OR INSULIN FOR PERSONS IN CUSTODY BASED ON THE ORDERS OF A TREATING LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WITH PRESCRIBING PRIVILEGES.
- 450 REQUIRES A PUBLISH-FOR-PAY WEBSITE TO REMOVE THE BOOKING PHOTOGRAPH OF AN INDIVIDUAL UPON REQUEST WITHOUT REQUIRING THE INDIVIDUAL TO PAY A FEE FOR REMOVAL.
- 551 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ACCEPT A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TO FILE A DEFINED MEMORANDUM WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; REQUIRES SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS TO COMPLETE SPECIFIED TRAINING.
- 587 PERMITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO TRANSPORT AN INTOXICATED PERSON TO A SOBERING CENTER; IMMUNIZES THE OFFICER FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY; STATES THAT A PERSON DETAINED FOR DRIVING OR BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED IS INELIGIBLE.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 617 GIVES LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN INVESTIGATIONS OF ADULT MALTREATMENT IN A BOARD AND CARE FACILITY.
- 622 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ACCEPT A SCHOOL RESOURCES OFFICER TO FILE A DEFINED MEMORANDUM WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; REQUIRES SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS TO COMPLETE SPECIFIED TRAINING.
- 631 EXEMPTS FELONIES RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES FROM THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FELONS POSSESSING FIREARMS.
- 676 ALLOWS A PRIVATE COMMUNITY WITH A POPULATION OVER 5,000 THAT EMPLOYS CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR TRAINING COSTS OR EXPENSES OF THE CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
- 702 SETS A MAXIMUM COST PER MINUTE FOR TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY AN INMATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021. LIMITS ANCILLARY CHARGES.
- 714 ALLOWS A CITY OF THE FIRST OR SECOND CLASS OR INCORPORATED TOWN ESTABLISHING A POLICE DEPARTMENT THE ALTERNATIVE OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT OR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH AN EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
- 722 REQUIRES THAT A PERSON WHO EXCEEDS THE SPEED LIMIT WHILE FLEEING BY VEHICLE TO SERVE A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL. INCREASES THE ENHANCED PENALTY FOR CREATING SUBSTANTIAL DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY FROM A CLASS D FELONY TO A CLASS C FELONY.
- 747 PROVIDES THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY REQUIRE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A CRITICAL INCIDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEBRIEFING BY A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR A CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT MEMBER; REQUIRES ASSISTANCE.
- 765 CREATES A CHECK-OFF ON INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX FORMS FOR DONATING A PORTION OF A TAX REFUND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY RELIEF TRUST FUND. (E)
- 778 REVISES PROVISIONS FOR COUNTIES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES' USE OF AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THOSE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RECORDS. ALLOWS PUBLIC ENTITIES TO CHARGE FOR FULFILLING FOIA REQUESTS FOR AUDIO/VISUAL MEDIA.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 786 CREATES THE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO AWARD GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND DETENTION CENTERS FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BODY CAMERAS, DE-ESCALATION TRAINING, PEPPER SPRAY, RUBBER BULLETS, MORE. (E)
- 792 REQUIRES ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL TRAINING RELATED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S DUTY TO INTERVENE IF THE OFFICER OBSERVES THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
- 798 IMPOSES SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR THE RELEASE ON BAIL FOR PERSONS ACCUSED OF CRIMES RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
- 822 EXPANDS THE CONSENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE OFFENSE OF VIDEO VOYEURISM, CLARIFYING THAT SECRET RECORDING IS ILLEGAL IF THE PERSON HAS NOT CONSENTED TO THE VIEWING, PHOTOGRAPHING, FILMING, OR VIDEOTAPING.
- 841 CREATES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$3,500 FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED FOR THE STATE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE COLD CASES. REQUIRES 1,000 HOURS IN A YEAR TO QUALIFY FOR THE FULL CREDIT. (E)
- 872 MAKES IT UNLAWFUL FOR A PUBLIC SERVANT OR AGENT OF THE STATE TO ENFORCE FEDERAL LAW RELATING TO FIREARMS AND FIREARM ACCESSORIES THAT ARE OWNED OR MANUFACTURED IN-STATE.
- 881 REQUIRES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR TERMINATION OF THE OBLIGATION TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER BE MADE IN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE PERSON WAS CONVICTED; REQUIRES REASSESSMENT OF OFFENDERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED IN THE LAST YEAR.
- 887 ADDS FENTANYL AND HEROIN TO PROVISIONS IN THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT THAT CURRENTLY APPLY TO THE POSSESSION AND MANUFACTURE OF COCAINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE. ADDS NEW SECTION RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURE AND DELIVERY OF FENTANYL.
- 946 PROHIBITS PROBATION FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSING A FIREARM AFTER A PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY CONVICTION. (E)
- 956 EXPANDS THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY A WEAPON BY DEFINING A JOURNEY AS ANY MOVEMENT WHEN A PERSON LEAVES THEIR HOME. PROVIDES THAT ANY AUTOMOBILE IS AN EXTENSION OF A PERSON'S HOME FOR PURPOSES OF CARRYING A WEAPON.
- 962 CHANGES FINGERPRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPH PROTOCOL FOR CLASS A MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, AUTHORIZING THEM TO BE TAKEN BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL UPON ARREST INSTEAD OF AT THE RECEIVING CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITY.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 963 PROHIBITS A SEX OFFENDER FROM RESIDING NEAR A PUBLICLY OWNED PARK OR TRAIL LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR WHICH AN EASEMENT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO THE STATE OR A COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN UNLESS THE OFFENDER OWNED THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 989 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROCEDURES FOR TREATING INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION PROTOCOLS, INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM DETENTION TIME IN A CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FROM 72 TO 96 HOURS.
- 1012 PROHIBITS STATE OFFICIALS FROM ENFORCING CERTAIN FEDERAL BANS ON THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS.
- 1014 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES AND SPECIFICATIONS TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES ASSOCIATED WITH RIOTS AND PROTESTS, INCLUDING AGAINST FIRST RESPONDERS; AUTHORIZES RIOT INVESTIGATIONS; REQUIRES THOSE ARRESTED ON RIOT CHARGES TO BE HELD FOR 12 HOURS WITHOUT RELEASE.
- 1023 REVISES CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS AND REQUIRES CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE SEIZED PROPERTY SHOULD BE FORFEITED. AUTHORIZES THE USE OF FORFEITED MONEY IN THE DRUG CONTROL FUND FOR GRANTS TO FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FAMILIES.
- 1024 AUTHORIZES THE LICENSED CARRY OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN ANY BUILDING OWNED OR OPERATED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY, AND IN WHICH ALCOHOL IS NOT REGULARLY SERVED AND HANDGUNS ARE NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED UNDER § 5-73-122.
- 1033 CHANGES THE COMPOSITION OF THE PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM EIGHT TO SEVEN AND REVISING REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 1035 MAKES FAILURE TO REMAIN AT THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT BY A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE WHO KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSES SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT A CLASS B FELONY.
- 1037 REQUIRES THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR DWI/BWI OFFENSES UNDER § 5-65-111 TO HAVE ELAPSED PRIOR TO A PERSON FILING A NEW UNIFORM PETITION TO SEAL RECORD.
- 1039 PROHIBITS BAIL BONDSMEN, BAIL BOND COMPANIES, COURTS, ETC. FROM EXECUTING A BAIL BOND TO EFFECT THE RELEASE OF A DEFENDANT WITHOUT THE BONDSMAN BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT.

ACT**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 1048 AUTHORIZES PERSONS WHO ARE SENTENCED TO BE INCARCERATED TO RECEIVE A COMPLETE COMPILATION OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS, SUMMONS, AND PENDING MISDEMEANOR CASES AND TO PETITION FOR RESOLUTION OF THOSE OFFENSES. CREATES A RELATED TASK FORCE. (E)
- 1049 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO A COURT'S AUTHORITY TO REQUEST THE SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. AMENDS RELATED PROCEDURES. AUTHORIZES THE COURT TO ORDER RESTRICTED DRIVING PERMITS FOR THOSE PERSONS.
- 1061 ADDS MANDATORY DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF THE CRIME OF RACING ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY; DEFINES FELONY RACING AS A MORE SERIOUS OFFENSE INVOLVING IMPEDING TRAFFIC FLOW OR BEING IN A GATHERING, A CLASS D FELONY.
- 1071 PERMITS A FELONY DEFENDANT OR INMATE TO REQUEST LOWER INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OR TEMPORARY ABATEMENT. SETS A MAXIMUM BOND AMOUNT FOR DELINQUENT DEFENDANTS ON INSTALLMENTS WITH A WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST AT TEN PERCENT OF THE ARREARAGE.
- 1081 REQUIRES A PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY TO DEVELOP CURRICULA FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING FOR ITS PERSONNEL THAT INCLUDES STATED ASPECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS; REQUIRES THAT PERSONS COMPLETING SUCH TRAINING RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION. (E)
- 1083 REQUIRES CATALYTIC CONVERTER BUYERS, INCLUDING PAWNBROKERS, TO ENTER DETAILED RECORDS OF A TRANSACTION INTO THE SCRAP METAL DATABASE.

ACT**COUNTY TREASURERS**

- 58 AUTHORIZES SPECIALITY COURT PROGRAMS, EITHER NEWLY CREATED BY A CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT, OR AS REVISED VERSIONS OF CURRENT DRUG COURTS, SMARTER SENTENCING COURTS, ETC. ADDS NEW GOVERNING PROVISIONS, WITH NEW CHAPTERS FOR BWI/DWI AND VETERANS TREATMENT.
- 66 AMENDS PROVISIONS FOR RECORD RETENTION FOR COUNTY TREASURERS, AUTHORIZES A QUORUM COURT TO ASSIGN DUTIES RELATED TO PAYROLL AND JURY DUTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY, AUTHORIZES COUNTIES TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS, OTHER.
- 219 TO PERMIT A JUROR TO DONATE HIS OR HER PER DIEM COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO AN ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ENTITY. (*)
- 255 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESSES FOR SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES OF COUNTY ELECTIVE, COUNTY QUORUM COURT DISTRICT, AND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

ACT**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- 312 REQUIRES COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PAYROLL TAXES AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THOSE PAYMENTS TO THEIR COUNTY JUDGES, CLERKS AND TREASURERS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PAYMENT.
- 314 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNTY ELECTED OFFICERS TO COINCIDE WITH THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.
- 359 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FILE WITH COUNTY CLERKS FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.
- 435 INCREASES PROCUREMENT BIDDING THRESHOLDS FOR PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS OF CITIES AND COUNTIES; PROVIDES FOR ADJUSTING THRESHOLDS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS. AMENDS PROVISIONS FOR SPECIFIC COMMODITIES PURCHASES.
- 438 PROVIDES FOR FUNDING FOR A NEW MUNICIPALITY THAT IS INCORPORATED DURING A CENSUS YEAR TO BE CALCULATED BASED ON THE MOST RECENT CENSUS AS CALCULATED BY THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE.
- 517 REPEALS THE PROVISION THAT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RECEIVING A DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY REVENUE OF \$2,000,000 OR MORE MUST REPORT DETAILS ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS ANNUALLY TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
- 540 EXTENDS PROVISIONS BARRING PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A PUBLIC TRUST CRIME FROM RUNNING FOR OR HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL OFFICES OR COUNTY OFFICES.
- 702 SETS A MAXIMUM COST PER MINUTE FOR TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY AN INMATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021. LIMITS ANCILLARY CHARGES.
- 705 AUTHORIZES RESTAURANTS TO EXPAND OUTDOOR DINING WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION IF THE EXPANSION IS APPROVED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ZONING AUTHORITY.
- 752 AUTHORIZES QUORUM COURTS TO APPROPRIATE FOR ANY ONE YEAR UP TO 100% OF THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THAT YEAR FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY AND UP TO 100% OF ANY REIMBURSEMENT MADE TO THE COUNTY.

ACT**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- 776 REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE REPORTS TO COUNTIES AND CITIES CONTAINING DATA ON SALES TAX REBATES AND CREDITS AWARDED FOR LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REBATES, AND FOR PURCHASED PROPERTY USED IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. (*)
- 784 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE LAW.
- 900 REPEALS AND REPLACES REGULATIONS FOR BODY PIERCING, BRANDING AND TATTOOING WITH A NEW SUBCHAPTER TITLED BODY ART. ADDS TWO INDUSTRY MEMBERS TO THE COSMETOLOGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
- 941 AUTHORIZES TWO ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR COUNTIES THAT MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICERS AND MAINTAIN THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THE USDVA BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.
- 1043 TO IDENTIFY PAID ADVERTISEMENTS FUNDED BY TAXPAYER FUNDS; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING ADVERTISING USING THE IMAGE OR VOICE OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.
- 1059 EXPANDS EXCEPTIONS TO PROVISIONS FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TAX RECORDS TO INCLUDE DATA RELATED TO SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES GENERATED IN A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. PROVIDES FOR DF&A TO REPORT THE DATA MONTHLY TO REQUESTING COUNTIES. (*)
- 1075 REQUIRES A COUNTY OR THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER WITH WHOM IT CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE UPON REQUEST NONENCRYPTED, BULK PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED; DOES NOT APPLY TO AUDIO OR VIDEO FILE FORMATS OR REDACTED, PROPRIETARY OR EXEMPT DATA.

ACT**ELECTIONS**

- 85 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION APPROVE THE DATE OF A SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
- 128 IMPOSES ADDITIONAL PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS ON THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS WITH REGARD TO ELECTION INFORMATION.
- 249 DELETES THE PROCESS FOR A VOTER WHO IS CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE A SWORN STATEMENT AT THE POLLING SITE.

ACT**ELECTIONS (cont.)**

- 254 REQUIRES A CANDIDATE OR THE COMMITTEE WORKING ON THE CANDIDATE'S BEHALF TO DISCLOSE SPECIFIED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR EACH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKING EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE STATE.
- 272 DEFINES CARRYOVER FUNDS FOR AN OFFICE SOUGHT THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN ANNUAL SALARY AS AN AMOUNT OF \$3,000 OR LESS.
- 324 PROHIBITS A CANDIDATE OR OFFICE HOLDER FROM USING CAMPAIGN FUNDS OR CARRYOVER FUNDS TO PAY A FINE IMPOSED BY THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION; USE OF SUCH FUNDS TO PAY AN ETHICS FINE SHALL BE DEEMED AS TAKING CAMPAIGN FUNDS AS PERSONAL INCOME.
- 339 EXTENDS PROVISIONS FOR A VACANCY IN A MAYOR'S OFFICE TO EXTEND TO OTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING A MARSHAL, RECORDER, TREASURER, OR RECORDER-TREASURER.
- 349 SETS THE BEGINNING OF THE FILING PERIOD FOR SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS AT 90 DAYS BEFORE A GENERAL ELECTION. APPLIES § 7-5-207 WHEN A CANDIDATE FOR THE LOCAL BOARD OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS UNOPPOSED; REMOVES THE BALLOT FEE FOR THOSE POSITIONS.
- 384 REQUIRES THE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY A CANDIDATE DURING AN ELECTION USING CURRENT ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES FROM A BASE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015.
- 385 LIMITS THE TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO A CANDIDATE DURING AN ELECTION AND APPLIES THE LIMITATION TO A CANDIDATE SEEKING MORE THAN ONE OFFICE OR ONE WHO CONCLUDES OR OTHERWISE WITHDRAWS FROM A CAMPAIGN. (*)
- 416 STATES THAT A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON APPLYING TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR PUBLIC OFFICE MAKES FALSE STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS OR HER QUALIFICATIONS.
- 421 REQUIRES THE HOUSE STATE AGENCY AND SENATE STATE AGENCY COMMITTEES TO MEET JOINTLY AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ELECTION TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION OF THE USE OF BIOMETRIC DATA AND BALLOT TRACKING.
- 448 MAKES CHANGES TO ELECTION LAWS RELATING TO UNCONTESTED SCHOOL ELECTIONS, SCHOOL ELECTIONS GENERALLY; CHANGES NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, PRIMARIES AND RUNOFFS, REDUCING NOTICE FROM 20 DAYS TO EIGHT PRIOR TO THE START OF EARLY VOTING, MORE.
- 511 CHANGES THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS THAT ARE UP FOR ELECTION; PROVIDES MORE TIME FOR DISTRICTS FOLLOWING A CENSUS WHEN THEY MUST CALCULATE MINORITY POPULATIONS. (E)

ACT**ELECTIONS (cont.)**

- 540 EXTENDS PROVISIONS BARRING PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A PUBLIC TRUST CRIME FROM RUNNING FOR OR HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL OFFICES OR COUNTY OFFICES.
- 610 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO ELECTION LAW WITH REGARD TO THE DATES SPECIAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD. (*)
- 727 CREATES AN EXEMPTION TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FOR VOTED BALLOTS FOR COPYING PURPOSES UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF AN ELECTION BY A COUNTY; THE EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO POLL WATCHERS AS LONG AS SECRECY IS MAINTAINED.
- 728 PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM ENTERING OR REMAINING IN AN AREA WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE PRIMARY EXTERIOR ENTRANCE TO A BUILDING WHERE VOTING IS TAKING PLACE EXCEPT FOR A PERSON ENTERING OR LEAVING THE BUILDING FOR LAWFUL PURPOSES.
- 729 REMOVES COUNTY CLERKS FROM THE PROCESS OF DESIGNATING AND CERTIFYING VOTER CENTERS.
- 734 PROVIDES THAT USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS OR CARRYOVER FUNDS TO PAY A CANDIDATE'S CHILDCARE EXPENSES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A TAKING OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS AS PERSONAL INCOME IF THE CAMPAIGN FUNDS ARE USED TO PAY FOR CHILDCARE DURING CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY.
- 735 PROHIBITS USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE THAT IS CONNECTED OR CAPABLE OF ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET OR AN EXTERNAL NETWORK.
- 736 MAKES VARIOUS PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, INCLUDING REDUCING THE THRESHOLD FOR POSSESSION OF BALLOTS IN CREATING A PRESUMPTION OF FRAUD, VOTER STATEMENTS, DAILY BALLOT COUNTS, INNER ENVELOPE ACCESS, ADDRESS VERIFICATION, ETC.
- 755 IMPOSES UPON A CANDIDATE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT CAMPAIGN SIGNS AND OTHER MATERIALS INCLUDE REQUIRED LANGUAGE: 'PAID FOR BY' FOLLOWED BY THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE OR PERSON WHO PAID FOR THE MATERIALS.
- 756 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS GOVERNING COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS REGARDING VIOLATIONS INVOLVING VOTER REGISTRATION, REQUESTS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, BALLOT TABULATION, ETC.
- 950 AUTHORIZES A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DELEGATE THE SUPERVISION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS.
- 951 REQUIRES PAID CANVASSERS TO BE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE AND U.S. CITIZENS; PROHIBITS COMPENSATION FOR CANVASSERS THAT IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES COLLECTED. (E)

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ELECTIONS (cont.)

- 952 DIRECTS A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THAT RECEIVES A WRITTEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING ANY ELECTION LAW VIOLATION OR IRREGULARITY TO SEND THE COMPLAINT TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, RATHER THAN THE COUNTY CLERK AND PROSECUTOR.
- 961 PROHIBITS ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS AND THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FROM ACCEPTING ANY FUNDING, GRANTS OR GIFTS FROM ANY SOURCE OTHER THAN A CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY, THE STATE, ETC.
- 973 REQUIRES THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE DELIVERED TO THE PHYSICAL OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF THE VOTER BY THE TIME THE CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSSES; CHANGES THE TIME OF CLOSURE FROM THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE.
- 974 AUTHORIZES JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW TO INVESTIGATE AND REFER ALLEGED ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS OF ELECTION OFFICIALS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AUTHORIZES THE BOARD TO DECERTIFY OFFICIALS AND TAKE OVER AND CONDUCT A COUNTY'S ELECTION.
- 980 PROVIDES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO REQUEST SECURE VOTER STATUS FOR THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION, MAKING ADDRESS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.
- 1022 REQUIRES A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE REPORTS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING PROVISIONAL AND REJECTED BALLOTS FOR EACH ELECTION. REQUIRES THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE THE REPORTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.
- 1051 AMENDS VARIOUS PROVISIONS FOR COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND PROHIBITED CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, AND TRAINING.
- 1063 MAKES CHANGES TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLING PLACES; MANDATES THAT ALL BALLOTS EXHIBIT A WARNING TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; REQUIRES VERIFICATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS.

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GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

- 56 CREATES AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FOR ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD DURING A DECLARED DISASTER; REQUIRES SUCH MEETINGS TO BE RECORDED AND RETAINED FOR ONE YEAR. (E)

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GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (cont.)

- 58 AUTHORIZES SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS, EITHER NEWLY CREATED BY A CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT, OR AS REVISED VERSIONS OF CURRENT DRUG COURTS, SMARTER SENTENCING COURTS, ETC. ADDS NEW GOVERNING PROVISIONS, WITH NEW CHAPTERS FOR BWI/DWI AND VETERANS TREATMENT.
- 66 AMENDS PROVISIONS FOR RECORD RETENTION FOR COUNTY TREASURERS, AUTHORIZES A QUORUM COURT TO ASSIGN DUTIES RELATED TO PAYROLL AND JURY DUTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY, AUTHORIZES COUNTIES TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS, OTHER.
- 83 AMENDS QUORUM COURT REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE CREATION OF A FIRE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY PETITION; ALLOWS THE LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; AUTHORIZES COUNTY CLERKS TO CERTIFY PETITION.
- 94 LISTS A NUMBER OF ACTIONS THAT THE GOVERNOR AND OFFICIALS MAY NOT TAKE WITH REGARD TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS DURING A DISASTER EMERGENCY. (E)
- 188 AUTHORIZES A COUNTY TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON COUNTY ROADS. (E)
- 255 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESSES FOR SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES OF COUNTY ELECTIVE, COUNTY QUORUM COURT DISTRICT, AND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.
- 261 PROVIDES A SCHOOL BOARD WITH AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE EVENT THAT THE VACANCY IS CAUSED BY DEATH.
- 266 CREATES A PROCESS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OR ABOLITION OF A LEVEE DISTRICT BY PROVISION.
- 308 PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM TAKING ACTIONS THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A UTILITY SERVICE ON THE BASIS OF ENERGY SOURCE.
- 310 EXPANDS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO PERMIT COPYING PUBLIC DOCUMENTS BY TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEM.
- 314 CHANGES THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF COUNTY OFFICIALS FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS. MAKES ALTERNATIVE COUNTY ORGANIZATION EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1 FOLLOWING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN WHICH THE ALTERED OR CONSOLIDATED COUNTY OFFICES APPEARED ON THE BALLOT.
- 367 ENACTS THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL OMNIBUS.
- 402 SEPERATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR IN YELL COUNTY, EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION. (*)

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GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (cont.)

- 438 PROVIDES FOR FUNDING FOR A NEW MUNICIPALITY THAT IS INCORPORATED DURING A CENSUS YEAR TO BE CALCULATED BASED ON THE MOST RECENT CENSUS AS CALCULATED BY THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS OFFICE. (E)
- 454 MAKES ADJUSTMENTS TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN DISTRICT JUDGES AND DISTRICT COURT PERSONNEL AND CHANGES SOURCES OF FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOME COURTS.
- 475 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16.
- 502 DEFINES THE MARKINGS OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAT MAY CAUSE A COURT TO FIND A PERSON INDIGENT, INCLUDING PLACING AN INCOME LIMIT, AND CREATING CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION IF A PRELIMINARY REVIEW DOES NOT LEAD TO THE COURT TO APPOINT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.
- 540 EXTENDS PROVISIONS BARRING PERSONS FOUND GUILTY OF OR PLEADING GUILTY TO A PUBLIC TRUST CRIME FROM RUNNING FOR OR HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE TO INCLUDE MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND COUNTY OFFICES.
- 561 PROHIBITS ANY ENTITY THAT RECEIVES ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE FOR ANY PURPOSE FROM PERFORMING AN ABORTION EXCEPT TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER, SAVE OR PROTECT THE LIFE OF THE CHILD OR REMOVE A STILLBORN CHILD OR ECTOPIC PREGNANCY.
- 567 PROHIBITS CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM PROPOSING AND ENFORCING THE REGULATION OF A TRADE, OCCUPATION, OR PROFESSION OTHER THAN TO THE EXTENT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
- 572 IN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, PROVIDES THAT THE PLAINTIFF MAY BE AWARDED ATTORNEY'S FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES IF HE OR SHE, AFTER FILING SUIT, HAS OBTAINED A SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL PORTION OF THE REQUESTED PUBLIC INFORMATION.
- 612 PROHIBITS SOME PUBLIC EMPLOYERS FROM RECOGNIZING A LABOR UNION OR OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AS A BARGAINING AGENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. EXEMPTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEES.
- 659 LIMITS ORDINANCES BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO HOME-BASED WORK TO THOSE LIMITING DISTURBANCES AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH CODES AND LAWS.
- 677 REQUIRES A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

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

- 685 REVISES DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEES. SPECIFIES THAT THE CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COORDINATOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS.
- 709 REQUIRES A CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN THAT HAS SPENT FUNDS CREDITED TO THE STREET FUND IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES REQUIRED TO REPAY OR COMMIT TO REPAY THOSE FUNDS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HIGHWAY REVENUES; MORE.
- 714 ALLOWS A CITY OF THE FIRST OR SECOND CLASS OR INCORPORATED TOWN ESTABLISHING A POLICE DEPARTMENT THE ALTERNATIVE OF ENTERING INTO A CONTACT OR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH AN EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
- 751 PROHIBITS A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY FROM RESTRICTING, TAXING, PROHIBITING OR OTHERWISE REGULATING THE USE, DISPOSITION OR SALE OF AUXILIARY CONTAINERS EXCEPT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY; ALLOWS RECYCLING PROGRAMS.
- 752 AUTHORIZES QUORUM COURTS TO APPROPRIATE FOR ANY ONE YEAR UP TO 100% OF THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES FOR THAT YEAR FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM A FEDERAL AGENCY AND UP TO 100% OF ANY REIMBURSEMENT MADE TO THE COUNTY.
- 763 COMPELS THE RELEASE OF DATA STORED BY A DATA COMPANY FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINIATION OF THE PUBLIC CONTRACT.
- 900 REPEALS AND REPLACES REGULATIONS FOR BODY PIERCING, BRANDING AND TATTOOING WITH A NEW SUBCHAPTER TITLED BODY ART. ADDS TWO INDUSTRY MEMBERS TO THE COSMETOLOGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
- 926 ALLOWS THE OPERATION OF AN AUTOMATED PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE IN PEDESTRIAN AREAS AND ON CERTAIN ROADS AND STREETS. PLACES RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANNER AND LOCATIONS IN WHICH IT CAN BE OPERATED.
- 941 AUTHORIZES TWO ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, FOR COUNTIES THAT MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION FOR VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICERS AND MAINTAIN THEIR PROFICIENCY IN THE USDVA BENEFITS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
- 943 PROHIBITS A CURRENT MEMBER A PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD FROM HAVING A POSITION ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY THAT CREATED THE BOARD.
- 954 REQUIRES SPECIFIC STATEMENTS IN ANY REQUIRED NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION MADE BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE WHICH PUBLIC ENTITY PAID FOR THE REQUIRED PUBLICATION AND THE AMOUNT PAID.

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GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (cont.)

- 977 PROHIBITS SCHOOLS, LICENSING ENTITIES, AND EMPLOYERS (WHO ARE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM EXPOSURE) FROM MANDATING COVID-19 VACCINATIONS THROUGH DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION.
- 1003 PROHIBITS THE REMOVAL, RELOCATION, ALTERATION, DESTRUCTION OR VANDALISM OF ANY MONUMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMEMORATING HISTORICAL PERSONS OR EVENTS; CREATES CRIMINAL PENALTIES ACCORDING TO THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND THE COST OF REPAIR.
- 1021 PROHIBITS STATE AGENCIES FROM COMPELLING PERSONS OR NON-PROFIT ENTITIES TO DIVULGE PERSONAL OR MEMBERSHIP-RELATED INFORMATION; PROHIBITS STATE AGENCIES FROM RELEASING OR PUBLICLY DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION.
- 1030 PROHIBITS STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FROM USING A VACCINE PASSPORT (MEANING DOCUMENTATION THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 OR HAS TESTED NEGATIVE FOR OR RECOVERED FROM THE VIRUS) AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY, TRAVEL, EMPLOYMENT, ETC.
- 1043 REQUIRES SPECIFIC DISCLAIMERS IN PUBLICLY FUNDED ARTICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC. USING THE IMAGE OR VOICE OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; MAKES BOTH THE PERSON PLACING THE COMMUNICATION AND THE ELECTED OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INCLUDING THE DISCLAIMER; MORE.
- 1075 REQUIRES A COUNTY OR THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER WITH WHOM IT CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE UPON REQUEST NONENCRYPTED, BULK PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED; DOES NOT APPLY TO AUDIO OR VIDEO FILE FORMATS OR REDACTED, PROPRIETARY OR EXEMPT DATA.

ACT

RETIREMENT ACTS

- 20 CHANGES THE TERMINATION PERIOD REGARDING ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PERSONS RETURNING TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE OR RELATED PUBLIC ENTITIES DURING A LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (E)
- 365 UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, PROVIDES THAT THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR PERSONS FIRST HIRED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2005 SHALL BE INCREASED IN INCREMENTS 0.25% PER FISCAL YEAR SO LONG AS THE CONTRIBUTION RATE DOES NOT EXCEED 7%. (CALCULATIONS RESULTING FROM THIS ACT WILL GO INTO EFFECT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022.)

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RETIREMENT ACTS (cont.)

- 366 PROVIDES A FORMULA FOR REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS UNDER APERS THAT INDEXES THE INCREASE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OR INCREASES THE BENEFIT BY 3%, WHICHEVER IS LESSER. APPLIES TO PERSONS HIRED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2022. (CALCULATIONS RESULTING FROM THIS ACT WILL GO INTO EFFECT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022.)

- 370 PROVIDES FOR CALCULATION OF APERS FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR PERSONS FIRST HIRED ON/AFTER JULY 1, 2022 ON A 5-YEAR AVERAGE BASIS, AND FOR PERSONS FIRST HIRED BEFORE JULY 1, 2022 ON A 3-YEAR AVERAGE BASIS. (CALCULATIONS RESULTING FROM THIS ACT WILL GO INTO EFFECT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022.)

- 518 CHANGES THE MAXIMUM DURATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN FROM SEVEN TO TEN YEARS. (*)

- 686 CHANGES THE COMPOSITION OF THE APERS BOARD, REQUIRING TWO OF THE GOVERNOR’S NONSTATE EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS TO BE ONE CURRENT COUNTY JUDGE AND ONE MAYOR. ADDS FOUR LEGISLATIVE APPOINTEES; TWO MUST BE RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

- 687 ADDS VOLUNTEER POLICE OFFICERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN A LOCAL POLICEMEN’S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, ENTITLING THEM TO RECEIVE RECIPROCAL SERVICE CREDIT.

- 711 CHANGES THE CALCULATION OF RECIPROCAL SERVICE USING DEFERRED SERVICE CREDIT FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNDER EACH RECIPROCAL SYSTEM WITHIN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. (*)

ACT

APPROPRIATION ACTS

- 8 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF STATE, CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)

- 16 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. (A)

- 23 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF CIRCUIT COURTS, JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE OFFICERS AND DRUG COURT JUVENILE AND INTAKE OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)

- 39 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)

ACT**APPROPRIATION ACTS (cont.)**

- 40 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 44 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 47 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF AMENDMENT 74 PROPERTY TAX FUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. (A)
- 192 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. (A)
- 197 REAPPROPRIATES UNSPENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BALANCES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. (A)
- 206 APPROPRIATES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. (A)
- 246 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR REFUNDING EACH CITY AND COUNTY'S SHARE OF LOCAL SALES TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. (A)
- 458 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS FROM LAND SALES. (A)
- 486 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM, STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS, FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 546 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 726 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DF&A, ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 750 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 771 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 831 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 832 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM, DIVISION OF HERITAGE, FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 848 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR PROJECTS AND INCENTIVES FOR FISCAL 2021-2022. (A)

ACT**APPROPRIATION ACTS (cont.)**

- 851 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL 2021-2022. (A)
- 853 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND AND FROM BOND PROCEEDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL 2021-2022. (A)
- 864 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM, DIVISION OF HERITAGE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL 2021-2022. (A)
- 870 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 892 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR FAIR FUNDING GRANTS FOR FISCAL 2021-2022. (A)
- 996 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 997 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND VARIOUS AGENCY TRANSFERS FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
- 998 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 1001 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 1007 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 1008 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 1010 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR 2021-2022 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 1011 AMENDS THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW. (A)
- 1099 AMENDS THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW. (A)

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) **(A) Appropriation Acts** – these acts are effective July 1, 2022 or the first day of the fiscal year. The fiscal year for the State of Arkansas is July 1 – June 30.
- (4) **Unspecified (most 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 the Attorney General’s Opinion #83-74). The General Assembly adjourned sine die on April 24th, therefore, the effective date of those acts without emergency clauses or built-in effective dates is expected to be July 24th.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

HJR 1005

REQUIRES SIXTY PERCENT APPROVAL IN EACH CHAMBER TO REFER A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE BALLOT AND SIXTY PERCENT APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORS TO ADOPT A REFERRED AMENDMENT OR AN AMENDMENT SUBMITTED THROUGH THE INITIATIVE PROCESS.

SJR 10

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE TO ENTER SPECIAL SESSION WHEN TWO-THIRDS OF THE LEGISLATURE SUBMITS SIGNATURES, OR BY JOINT PROCLAMATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.

SJR 14

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT FROM BURDENING ONE’S FREEDOM OF RELIGION ABSENT A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE BURDEN ADVANCES A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS OF FURTHERING THAT INTEREST.

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