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GOVERNMENT ACTS  
2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**



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### Foreword

The following list of Acts of the 2023 Regular Session of the 94<sup>th</sup> 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 1,439 bills filed during the session, 889 became Acts. AAC tracked 448 bills during the session that could affect county government. Two hundred and forty-three of those bills became law.

The AAC legislative package contained 33 bills, of which 28 passed and are now Acts. That is an 85 percent success rate.

The full text of each Act is available on the internet at the AAC website, [www.arcountries.org](http://www.arcountries.org), or the Arkansas General Assembly website, [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)

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**94th General Assembly**

**ACT**

**COUNTY ASSESSORS**

- 139 REQUIRES COUNTIES TO REAPPRAISE ALL MARKET VALUE REAL ESTATE EVERY FOUR YEARS INSTEAD OF EVERY THREE YEARS.
- 172 AMENDS DUTIES OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS REGARDING TAX-DELINQUENT LAND.
- 173 AUTHORIZES THE STATE LAND COMMISSIONER TO CANCEL REDEMPTION DEEDS AND SALE DEEDS WHEN PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS USED TO PAY FOR A TAX-DELINQUENT PARCEL ARE RETURNED OR OTHERWISE DISHONORED.
- 241 AMENDS THE AUCTION PROCESS FOR THE SALE AND REDEMPTION OF TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTY. (E)
- 315 INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FROM \$375 TO \$425. (\*)
- 332 CLARIFIES THAT, REGARDING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY INCLUDES GOODWILL, RENTAL AGREEMENTS, CUSTOMER LISTS, SECURITY SYSTEMS, FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE. (E)
- 357 REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNITION PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE COUNTY OR STATE AGENCY AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO EMPLOYEES WHO ACTIVELY WORK WITH AD VALOREM TAXES. (E)
- 365 ABOLISHES 22 INACTIVE STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER TYPES OF STATE ENTITIES AND INSERTS ACTIVE AGENCIES WHEN CURRENT LAW REQUIRES REPORTS TO BE MADE BY THOSE ABOLISHED ENTITIES. (E)
- 370 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO DF&A – ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 524 AMENDS REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SALE/LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OR A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY AND A PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ENTITY WITH AN OBLIGATION THAT THE LESSEE/PURCHASER MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES.
- 541 INCLUDES IN THE DEFINITION OF HOMESTEAD A DWELLING OWNED BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO CLAIMS THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT AND USES THE DWELLING AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE. (\*)

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**COUNTY ASSESSORS (cont.)**

- 628 ABOLISHES THE ARKANSAS APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD, THE ARKANSAS HOME INSPECTOR REGISTRATION BOARD, AND THE ARKANSAS ABSTRACTERS' BOARD, TRANSFERS DUTIES/POWERS TO THE STATE BOARD OF APPRAISERS, ABSTRACTERS, AND HOME INSPECTORS. (E)
- 769 AMENDS THE POWERS/DUTIES OF REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, ALLOWS A REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX AND ESTABLISH A REGIONAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

**ACT**

**COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS**

- 38 REQUIRES THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO MEET JOINTLY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COURT SYSTEM.
- 61 AUTHORIZES A CIRCUIT COURT TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY TREATMENT SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES INVOLVED IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT PROCEEDING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SPECIFIES ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM.
- 75 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
- 117 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON CANNOT FILE A NEW UNIFORM PETITION TO SEAL A RECORD OF A CONVICTION FOR A FELONY DRIVING OR BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED OFFENSE UNTIL AFTER THE APPLICABLE LOOKBACK PERIODS HAVE ELAPSED.
- 173 AUTHORIZES THE STATE LAND COMMISSIONER TO CANCEL REDEMPTION DEEDS AND SALE DEEDS WHEN PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS USED TO PAY FOR A TAX-DELINQUENT PARCEL ARE RETURNED OR OTHERWISE DISHONORED.
- 271 REQUIRES RECORDS OF DELINQUENCY ADJUDICATIONS FOR A FELONY INVOLVING VIOLENCE AS DEFINED UNDER § 5-4-501 TO BE KEPT FOR TEN YEARS AFTER THE LAST ADJUDICATION OF DELINQUENCY OR THE DATE OF A PLEA OF GUILTY/NO CONTEST OR A FINDING OF GUILT AS AN ADULT.
- 272 INCREASES THE FEE FOR DEPOSITING A WILL WITH A CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAFEKEEPING FROM \$2 TO \$5.
- 277 ADJUSTS PROVISIONS THAT PROHIBIT COUNTY RECORDERS FROM RECORDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, DEEDS, REGULATIONS AND INTERESTS OF TRANSFER, PROVIDING THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL INSTEAD NOT PRESENT THE DOCUMENTS OR INSTRUMENTS FOR RECORDING.

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**COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS (cont.)**

- 331 AMENDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A COURT ORDERING A PETITIONER'S NAME CHANGE, REQUIRES ALL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY A PETITIONER TO BE OMITTED OR REDACTED.
- 365 ABOLISHES 22 INACTIVE STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER TYPES OF STATE ENTITIES AND INSERTS ACTIVE AGENCIES WHEN CURRENT LAW REQUIRES REPORTS TO BE MADE BY THOSE ABOLISHED ENTITIES. (E)
- 388 MODIFIES THE PROCESS FOR MECHANICS AND ARTISANS SELLING PROPERTY THAT IS HELD FOR DEBT IN EXCHANGE FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS.
- 414 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- 449 INCREASES THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM QUORUM COURTS AND THE NET REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY.
- 450 PROVIDES THAT FOR DEFENDANTS MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS UNDER § 5-4-202(B) AND ALSO MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR RESTITUTION UNDER § 5-4-205(E)(1)(B), INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE APPLIED TO RESTITUTION FIRST.
- 740 ADJUSTS LANGUAGE RELATED TO A PERSON PREPARING AND FILING A SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY WHEN A COURT ENTERS A FINAL JUDGMENT AGAINST THEM.
- 812 INCREASES THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM \$125 TO \$150, REPEALS THE \$1,500 LIMIT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY OR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM GRANT AWARDS FUNDED BY THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

**ACT**

**COUNTY COLLECTORS**

- 75 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
- 172 AMENDS DUTIES OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS REGARDING TAX-DELINQUENT LAND.
- 173 AUTHORIZES THE STATE LAND COMMISSIONER TO CANCEL REDEMPTION DEEDS AND SALE DEEDS WHEN PAYMENT INSTRUMENTS USED TO PAY FOR A TAX-DELINQUENT PARCEL ARE RETURNED OR OTHERWISE DISHONORED.
- 241 AMENDS THE AUCTION PROCESS FOR THE SALE AND REDEMPTION OF TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTY. (E)
- 315 INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FROM \$375 TO \$425. (\*)

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**COUNTY COLLECTORS (cont.)**

- 395                   DEFINES 'HOMESTEAD' REGARDING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND MINOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN. (\*)
  
- 447                   SEPARATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR, AND CONSOLIDATES THE OFFICES OF TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, IN OUACHITA COUNTY. (\*)
  
- 449                   INCREASES THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM QUORUM COURTS AND THE NET REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY.
  
- 472                   MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE POWERS/DUTIES OF COUNTY TREASURERS REGARDING THE RECEIPT/DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS, DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTIES, AND THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS.
  
- 524                   AMENDS REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SALE/LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OR A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY AND A PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ENTITY WITH AN OBLIGATION THAT THE LESSEE/PURCHASER MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES.
  
- 541                   INCLUDES IN THE DEFINITION OF HOMESTEAD A DWELLING OWNED BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO CLAIMS THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT AND USES THE DWELLING AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE. (\*)
  
- 595                   AMENDS THE LAW REGARDING SPECIE/LEGAL TENDER, PROHIBITS SPECIE OR LEGAL TENDER FROM BEING CHARACTERIZED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION OR REGULATORY PURPOSES.

**ACT**

**COUNTY CLERKS**

- 38                   REQUIRES THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO MEET JOINTLY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COURT SYSTEM.
  
- 75                   APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
  
- 85                   REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE WHO KEEPS REMAINING CAMPAIGN FUNDS AFTER AN ELECTION, BUT DOES NOT HAVE ANY ACTIVITY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, HAS TO FILE A FOURTH QUARTER REPORT, AMENDS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES.
  
- 147                   REAPPROPRIATES FUNDS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS AND LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT COSTS. (E) (A)



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

- 192 ALLOWS A TAXPAYER WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY SALES TAX LIABILITY OF \$5,000 OR MORE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGAN ON JULY 1 AND ENDED ON JUNE 30 TO FILE ALL RETURNS AND REMITTANCES ELECTRONICALLY FOR SALES TAX AND COMPENSATING USE TAX RETURNS. (\*)
- 196 AMENDS THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW REGARDING THE CALCULATION OF WAGES AND TAXABLE WAGE BASE, SETTING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, REDUCING MAXIMUM POTENTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND MORE. (E)
- 230 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. (A)
- 246 REQUIRES THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO FOLLOW CERTAIN STORAGE PROCEDURES FOR BALLOTS CAST AT EARLY VOTING POLLING SITES WHEN EQUIPMENT IS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE EARLY VOTING SITE TO ANOTHER.
- 272 INCREASES THE FEE FOR DEPOSITING A WILL WITH A CIRCUIT COURT FOR SAFEKEEPING FROM \$2 TO \$5.
- 273 REQUIRES THE COUNTY CLERK TO CHARGE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FEES WHEN AN APPLICATION FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE IS MADE.
- 326 MAKES CHANGES TO ADOPTION LAW WHERE A HOME STUDY OR SOCIAL HISTORY IS NOT REQUIRED, MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF A DECEDENTS' ESTATE REGARDING BONDING, APPRAISAL, FEES, SALES, AND DISTRIBUTION.
- 328 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW REGARDING NOMINATING PETITIONS AND THE ELECTION OF MAYORS AND DIRECTORS.
- 329 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO ELECTION LAW REGARDING THE PREPARATION, DELIVERY, COUNTING, AND TRANSPORT OF BALLOTS.
- 365 ABOLISHES 22 INACTIVE STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER TYPES OF STATE ENTITIES AND INSERTS ACTIVE AGENCIES WHEN CURRENT LAW REQUIRES REPORTS TO BE MADE BY THOSE ABOLISHED ENTITIES. (E)
- 366 REQUIRES A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO BE ADDED TO THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PER DIEMS OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM PER DIEMS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.
- 421 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES MUST APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.

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**COUNTY CLERKS (cont.)**

- 444 REQUIRES THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DESIGNATE OBSERVATION AREAS FOR POLL WATCHERS EVERYWHERE BALLOTS ARE CAST, REQUIRES THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR POLL WATCHERS.
- 449 INCREASES THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM QUORUM COURTS AND THE NET REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY.
- 472 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE POWERS/DUTIES OF COUNTY TREASURERS REGARDING THE RECEIPT/DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS, DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTIES, AND THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS.
- 529 REQUIRES PAID MILITARY LEAVE AT THE RATE OF 168 HOURS PER CALENDAR YEAR, PLUS NECESSARY TIME, FOR FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.
- 721 REQUIRES A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILE THE RATE OF TAX FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK 72 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION, AND 89 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS.
- 769 AMENDS THE POWERS/DUTIES OF REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, ALLOWS A REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX AND ESTABLISH A REGIONAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
- 883 AMENDS ETHICS PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. LISTS ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A SCHOOL BOARD MAY MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND AMENDS PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACTIONS OR CONDUCT OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER. (\*)

**ACT**

**COUNTY CORONERS**

- 33 EXPANDS THE APPROVED NUMBER OF MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION COURSES THAT MEET TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPUTY CORONERS, ALLOWS ONLINE TRAINING COURSES, DISQUALIFIES THOSE WITH FELONIES FROM EMPLOYMENT AS DEPUTY CORONER.
- 75 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
- 155 APPROPRIATES \$212,070,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CRIME LABORATORY FACILITY PROJECT. (A)
- 340 REQUIRES ALL REPORTS AND RECORDS RELATED TO A DEATH THAT IS SUBJECT TO A CORONER'S INVESTIGATION TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL ANY OPEN AND ONGOING INVESTIGATION BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS COMPLETE.

**ACT**

**COUNTY CORONERS (cont.)**

- 449 INCREASES THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM QUORUM COURTS AND THE NET REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY. (A)
- 553 STATES THAT THE COUNTY CORONER HAVING JURISDICTION WHERE A DEATH OCCURS SHOULD SUBMIT THE DECEDENT TO THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR A POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION IN CERTAIN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AMENDS NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

**ACT**

**COUNTY JUDGES**

- 11 REQUIRES THAT ALL UNITED STATES AND STATE OF ARKANSAS FLAGS PURCHASED BY A PUBLIC ENTITY WITH TAXPAYER FUNDS BE MANUFACTURED IN AMERICA.
- 27 EXEMPTS FIRES FOR VEGETATION DISPOSAL FROM THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT WHEN SET OR PERMITTED BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICER, BOARD, COUNCIL, OR COMMISSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.
- 38 REQUIRES THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO MEET JOINTLY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COURT SYSTEM.
- 60 REQUIRES THE DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT A CHILDCARE FACILITY COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE ZONING AND LAND USE REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO TREAT FACILITIES AS RESIDENTIAL USE.
- 68 AMENDS THE SAFE HAVEN ACT TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO OPERATE A NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDES THAT NEWBORNS WHO ARE LEFT WITH MEDICAL PROVIDER STAFF AFTER DELIVERY SHALL BE TAKEN IN POSSESSION.
- 130 ALLOWS THE ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX LEVIED UNDER AMENDMENT 101 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO BE USED BY A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO RETIRE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BONDS. (E)
- 133 AMENDS THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ACCRUAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY COSTS FOR HOLDING STATE INMATES, PROBATIONERS, AND PAROLEES. (\*)
- 139 REQUIRES COUNTIES TO REAPPRAISE ALL MARKET VALUE REAL ESTATE EVERY FOUR YEARS INSTEAD OF EVERY THREE YEARS.
- 160 REQUIRES A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVE HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND TO PRIORITIZE ADMITTING HOUSEHOLDS WHERE ALL ABLE-BODIED ADULTS ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE WORK REQUIREMENT. (\*)

**ACT****COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 192                   ALLOWS A TAXPAYER WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY SALES TAX LIABILITY OF \$5,000 OR MORE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGAN ON JULY 1 AND ENDED ON JUNE 30 TO FILE ALL RETURNS AND REMITTANCES ELECTRONICALLY FOR SALES TAX AND COMPENSATING USE TAX RETURNS. (\*)
- 196                   AMENDS THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW REGARDING THE CALCULATION OF WAGES AND TAXABLE WAGE BASE, SETTING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, REDUCING MAXIMUM POTENTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND MORE. (E)
- 210                   PROVIDES THAT A COUNTY JUDGE, CITY, AND INCORPORATED TOWN CAN DISPLAY A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ON A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS LEASED FOR 12 MONTHS OR LONGER.
- 211                   AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF HIGHWAY REVENUES TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL FEE 2 FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, HYBRID VEHICLES, AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES.
- 212                   MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW CONCERNING STATE AID ROADS REGARDING TOTAL MILEAGE OF THE SYSTEM, CONTRACTS TO PERFORM WORK, AND FUNDING FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION.
- 239                   PROVIDES THAT THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHITECTS DO NOT EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023, AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 586 OF 2021.
- 267                   PROHIBITS A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING AN ORDINANCE OR RULE THAT PROHIBITS OR REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF A BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE OR THAT IMPOSES INSTALLATION OR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 278                   CHANGES THE METHOD USED TO CALCULATE THE RATE THAT ELECTRIC UTILITIES PAY TO NET-METERING CUSTOMERS WHO GENERATE EXCESS SOLAR POWER. MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UTILITIES' AUTHORITY IN RATE STRUCTURE DETERMINATION, MONTHLY GRID CHARGES, ETC. (E)
- 288                   AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF VIDEO SERVICE TO EXCLUDE VIDEO PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY DIRECT-TO-HOME SATELLITE SERVICES THAT ARE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO A CUSTOMER'S PREMISES WITHOUT USING OR ACCESSING ANY PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
- 300                   AMENDS THE ALLOWABLE DATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON MEASURES OR QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AMENDS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL ELECTION CAN BE HELD. (\*)
- 315                   INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FROM \$375 TO \$425. (\*)

**ACT**

**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 336 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS OR ANY STATE AGENCY TO POST NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS UNDER \$50,000.
- 366 REQUIRES A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO BE ADDED TO THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PER DIEMS OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM PER DIEMS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. (\*)
- 390 REPEALS THE HARD LIMITS ON TOTAL FEE REVENUE THAT DETERMINE THE AMOUNTS THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE FOR WATER PERMIT FEES AND SOLID WASTE FEES. REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION/OPERATION OF A DISPOSAL SYSTEM.
- 412 ALLOWS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO WHICH A CONTRABAND OR UNCLAIMED FIREARM IS FORFEITED TO TRADE THE FIREARM TO A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER FOR CREDIT TOWARD FUTURE PURCHASES BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. (E)
- 476 AMENDS THE REQUIRED FINANCIAL SECURITY THAT A NET-METERING FACILITY OR NET-METERING SERVICE MUST HAVE TO ENSURE PROPER MAINTENANCE. (E)
- 480 REQUIRES A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO COVER AMBULANCE SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ESTABLISHES REIMBURSEMENT RATES.
- 483 MAKES CHANGES TO THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS IN THE STATE.
- 497 REQUIRES A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE/DENY/REQUEST TO REVISE AN APPLICANT'S PERMIT REQUEST W/IN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT, A PERMIT REQUEST IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPROVE/DENY/REQUEST TO REVISE IT WITHIN 60 DAYS.
- 504 REQUIRES A PUBLIC ENTITY TO CREATE A TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES POLICY DEFINING THE AUTHORIZED USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY, DEVELOP A CYBER SECURITY POLICY FOR ALL TECH RESOURCES, AND DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.
- 505 ALLOWS A LANDOWNER TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION THAT WOULD RELOCATE AN EASEMENT THAT BURDENS THE PROPERTY IF IT IS NOT A CONSERVATION, PUBLIC-UTILITY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, OR NEGATIVE EASEMENT AND THE PROPOSED RELOCATION MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA.
- 510 EXEMPTS FROM FOIA MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVOLVING CYBERATTACKS ON PUBLIC ENTITIES AND EXEMPTS RELATED INTERNAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THOSE INCIDENTS.

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- 525 PROHIBITS A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM PURCHASING OR OPERATING A SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM THAT IS MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A CERTAIN FOREIGN ENTITIES/INDIVIDUALS. (\*)
- 529 REQUIRES PAID MILITARY LEAVE AT THE RATE OF 168 HOURS PER CALENDAR YEAR, PLUS NECESSARY TIME, FOR FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.
- 537 REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COUNSELING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO EXPERIENCES A TRAUMATIC EVENT IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, REQUIRES THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION TO STUDY COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.
- 551 PROHIBITS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM ADOPTING LAWS/REGULATIONS THAT PROHIBIT THE SITING OF AN UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY, FUEL RETAILER, OR RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE ENTIRETY OF THE JURISDICTIONAL.
- 554 PROVIDES THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE SELF-INSURED FIDELITY BOND PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE SATISFIED ANY OTHER STATUTORILY REQUIRED BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY UNDER STATE LAW. (E)
- 565 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 567 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 569 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 570 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 571 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 586 EXPANDS THE LIST OF PEOPLE TO WHICH A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ACTING IN GOOD FAITH CAN PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, AND SUPPLY AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST. (E)
- 590 PROHIBITS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE SALE OR RESALE OF A TICKET FOR ADMISSION TO A LEGAL EVENT AT ANY PRICE OR THE CHARGING OF ANY FEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OR RESALE. (E)

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- 594 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE AND REGARDING IMPOUNDING STRAY ANIMALS, REPEALS THE LAW REGARDING FENCING DISTRICTS.
- 601 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 608 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 610 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE PROVISION REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF REVENUE TO THE PROPERTY TAX TRUST FUND. (E)
- 611 PROHIBITS PUBLIC ENTITIES FROM ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF ENERGY, FOSSIL FUEL, FIREARMS, AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES, OR FROM CONTRACTING WITH A COMPANY WITHOUT WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT ENGAGED IN SUCH BOYCOTTS.
- 659 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO SENTENCING, PAROLE, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION POLICIES. (\*)
- 676 REPEALS THE ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION, RECYCLING, AND REFUSE ACT.
- 677 REPEALS THE EXEMPTION FOR AN INTERNET AUCTION USING A WEBSITE DEDICATED PRIMARILY TO CONDUCTING AUCTIONS FROM THE AUCTIONEER'S LICENSING ACT, MAKES CHANGES REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF AN AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE, AMENDS AUCTION AND AUCTIONEER DEFINITION.
- 685 REQUIRES THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO BE SERVED BY TWO STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES INSTEAD OF ONE. (\*)
- 699 ALLOWS A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO STATE BY RESOLUTION THAT THE PUBLIC ENTITY BE KNOWN AS A PRO-LIFE CITY, A PRO-LIFE COUNTY, OR A PRO-LIFE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND TO PROMOTE THAT PRO-LIFE STATUS.
- 713 CREATES FOUR TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAMS REPRESENTING EFFORTS IN FOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS TO ORGANIZE AND SUBMIT A BUSINESS PLAN TO THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023. (E)
- 717 INCLUDES CEMETERY FACILITIES AND APPARATUS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE REGARDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT OF 1985.
- 730 PROHIBITS COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM BANNING A RETAIL PET STORE FROM ACQUIRING, OR SELLING TO A PERSON, AN ANIMAL FROM A CATTERY, KENNEL, OR DEALER AS DEFINED IN 7 U.S.C. § 2132 AS IT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

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**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

- 733 PROHIBITS STATE GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING ANY DISCRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION BASED ON RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OR STATUS OR THAT PROVIDES/FACILITATES ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE, OR AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF INTENDED RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS.
  
- 746 CREATES THE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PROJECTS IN RURAL AREAS TO FURTHER RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION.
  
- 769 AMENDS THE POWERS/DUTIES OF REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, ALLOWS A REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX AND ESTABLISH A REGIONAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
  
- 803 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
  
- 810 APPROPRIATES \$8,800,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR RURAL ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
  
- 818 AMENDS PROVISIONS RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTION OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, APPLYING THEM TO ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.
  
- 822 PROHIBITS A STATE AGENCY, CITY, COUNTY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAM.
  
- 833 REQUIRES A LANDFILL THAT RECEIVES FUNDS FROM THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE TRUST FUND FOR REMEDIATION OR CLOSURE TO REMAIN CLOSED AND UNAVAILABLE TO RECEIVE SOLID WASTE UNTIL CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET. (E)
  
- 838 REPEALS REQUIREMENT THAT A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CANNOT BE IN EXISTENCE FOR LONGER THAN 40 YEARS, PROHIBITS REDEVELOPMENT BONDS OR NOTES FROM MATURING OVER A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 YEARS.
  
- 841 MAKES A VARIETY OF CHANGES REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION INCLUDING TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES OF THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION TO THE ARKANSAS FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD. (E)
  
- 846 CREATES THE ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BOARD AND FUNDING TRUST, TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS AND DAMAGES/LOSSES CAUSED BY A CYBERATTACK COMMITTED AGAINST A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. (\*)



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**COUNTY JUDGES (cont.)**

887 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON OPERATING/MOVING A VEHICLE OR OBJECT ON A PUBLIC BRIDGE IS CIVILLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES DUE TO CARELESS, NEGLIGENT, OR ILLEGAL OPERATION, OR DUE TO THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE/OBJECT OF EXCESSIVE WIDTH OR WEIGHT.

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- 21 REPLACES THE TERM 'CHILD PORNOGRAPHY' WITH 'CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL' IN THE ARKANSAS CODE.
- 35 PROHIBITS A LEVEL 3 OR LEVEL 4 SEX OFFENDER FROM PURCHASING, OWNING, POSSESSING, USING, OR OPERATING AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT FOR PRIVATE USE.
- 37 AMENDS THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY TO INCLUDE DISCLOSURE OF A SEX OFFENDER'S ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC. (E)
- 68 AMENDS THE SAFE HAVEN ACT TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO OPERATE A NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDES THAT NEWBORNS WHO ARE LEFT WITH MEDICAL PROVIDER STAFF AFTER DELIVERY SHALL BE TAKEN IN POSSESSION.
- 83 EXPANDS DEFINITION OF SOBERING CENTER CONCERNING THE DISCRETIONARY TRANSPORT BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO A SOBERING CENTER.
- 117 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON CANNOT FILE A NEW UNIFORM PETITION TO SEAL A RECORD OF A CONVICTION FOR A FELONY DRIVING OR BOATING WHILE INTOXICATED OFFENSE UNTIL AFTER THE APPLICABLE LOOKBACK PERIODS HAVE ELAPSED.
- 131 PROHIBITS AN ADULT-ORIENTED PERFORMANCE FROM TAKING PLACE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, ADMITTING ANY MINOR FOR ATTENDANCE, OR RECEIVING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS.
- 133 AMENDS THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ACCRUAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY COSTS FOR HOLDING STATE INMATES, PROBATIONERS, AND PAROLEES. (\*)
- 151 REAPPROPRIATES FUNDS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. (A)
- 155 APPROPRIATES \$212,070,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE CRIME LABORATORY FACILITY PROJECT. (A)
- 166 AUTHORIZES BOMB SQUAD MEMBERS TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, AND TO MAKE EXPLOSIVES-RELATED ARRESTS AFTER COMPLETING TRAINING.
- 174 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 5 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL CODE.

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- 176 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 12 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.
- 202 REQUIRES A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ENROLLED IN A COMMISSION-CERTIFIED BASIC POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY TO COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF TRAINING RELATING TO INTERACTING WITH A PERSON WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIAS.
- 255 AMENDS THE CONDUCT THAT CONSTITUTES A LOITERING OFFENSE TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE LINGERING BEHAVIOR MUST BE DONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASKING FOR ANYTHING AS CHARITY OR A GIFT.
- 264 CREATES THE OFFENSES OF THEFT OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER AND UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER, PROVIDES PENALTIES.
- 269 ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE/AGENT OF A UTILITY/TELECOM/CABLE COMPANY TO OPERATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY PERFORMING A FUNCTION DIRECTLY RELATED TO COMPANY OPERATIONS OR WORKING DURING A TIME OF EMERGENCY OR SEVERE WEATHER.
- 306 TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITY REVIEW COMMITTEES AND THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COORDINATOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (\*)
- 313 REQUIRES HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO POST NOTICES REGARDING THE FELONY STATUS OF THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF ATTACKING A HEALTHCARE WORKER, INCLUDING A NURSE. ALLOWS HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO LIST WORK ADDRESSES WHEN FILING RELATED POLICE REPORTS.
- 327 EXPANDS STANDARD FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING OFFENSES TO INCLUDE ACTIONS THAT A PERSON SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD SUBJECT A PERSON TO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE, PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FINES FOR CERTAIN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONVICTIONS.
- 330 PROHIBITS REPARATION PAYMENTS TO A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR A MINOR VICTIM OF A SEX OFFENSE FROM BEING DENIED, WITHDRAWN, OR REDUCED BECAUSE THE VICTIM HAS NOT FULLY COOPERATED WITH APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
- 340 REQUIRES ALL REPORTS AND RECORDS RELATED TO A DEATH THAT IS SUBJECT TO A CORONER'S INVESTIGATION TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL ANY OPEN AND ONGOING INVESTIGATION BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS COMPLETE.

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- 392 MAKES CHANGES REGARDING THE TESTING AND SUBMISSION PROCESS FOR DNA SAMPLES FOR RECEIVING CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES, ALLOWS A NEGOTIATED PLEA AGREEMENT TO REQUIRE A DNA SAMPLE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.
- 412 ALLOWS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO WHICH A CONTRABAND OR UNCLAIMED FIREARM IS FORFEITED TO TRADE THE FIREARM TO A FEDERALLY LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER FOR CREDIT TOWARD FUTURE PURCHASES BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. (E)
- 415 INCLUDES CLASS A MISDEMEANORS THAT MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA UNDER THE DEFINITION OF VIOLENT CRIMES WITH REGARD TO THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS UNDER § 16-90-1101(9).
- 445 ENHANCES PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO IS USING A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND IS INVOLVED IN A COLLISION OR ACCIDENT THAT RESULTS IN THE SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.
- 447 SEPARATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR, AND CONSOLIDATES THE OFFICES OF TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, IN OUACHITA COUNTY. (\*)
- 450 PROVIDES THAT FOR DEFENDANTS MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS UNDER § 5-4-202(B) AND ALSO MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR RESTITUTION UNDER § 5-4-205(E)(1)(B), INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE APPLIED TO RESTITUTION FIRST.
- 466 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR RAPID DNA TECHNOLOGY AND RAPID ID JUST START PACKAGE EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
- 507 PROVIDES THAT A PROSECUTION IS COMMENCED WHEN A PERSON IS ARRESTED/ISSUED A CITATION BASED UPON PROBABLE CAUSE, WHEN AN ARREST WARRANT IS ISSUED BY A JUDGE, OR UPON THE FILING OF AN INDICTMENT, INFORMATION, OR OTHER CHARGING INSTRUMENT.
- 508 CREATES AND DEFINES THE OFFENSES OF OPERATING A CHOP SHOP AND DEALING IN STOLEN OR FORGED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS, PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING SUCH OFFENSES.
- 522 AMENDS THE RABIES CONTROL ACT TO ALLOW THE OWNER OF AN ANIMAL THAT PROVIDES PROOF OF CURRENT VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES TO CONFINE AND OBSERVE THE ANIMAL WHEN A PERSON IS BITTEN.
- 525 PROHIBITS A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM PURCHASING OR OPERATING A SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM THAT IS MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY A CERTAIN FOREIGN ENTITIES/INDIVIDUALS.
- 529 REQUIRES PAID MILITARY LEAVE AT THE RATE OF 168 HOURS PER CALENDAR YEAR, PLUS NECESSARY TIME, FOR FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

**ACT****COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 535                   ALLOWS CERTAIN POLICE OFFICER RETIREES TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN AFTER RETIREMENT.
- 537                   REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COUNSELING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO EXPERIENCES A TRAUMATIC EVENT IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, REQUIRES THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION TO STUDY COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. (\*)
- 558                   REQUIRES A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY/HEALTHCARE PROVIDER THAT STORES/EXAMINES SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE TO ANNUALLY AUDIT ALL UNTESTED/UNSUBMITTED ANONYMOUS SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KITS AND RELATED EVIDENCE AND REPORT THE INFO TO THE STATE CRIME LAB.
- 584                   CREATES NEW DEATH BY DELIVERY CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR WHEN A PERSON KNOWINGLY DELIVERS A CONTROLLED/COUNTERFEIT SUBSTANCE TO ANOTHER PERSON AND THE CONTROLLED/COUNTERFEIT SUBSTANCE CAUSES THE DEATH OF THAT PERSON. (E)
- 585                   PROVIDES THAT A PERSON COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DISARMING AN OFFICER IF HE OR SHE PURPOSELY USES PHYSICAL FORCE TO TAKE FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ANY PROTECTIVE GEAR OR WEAPON WITH INTENT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER PERSON.
- 586                   EXPANDS THE LIST OF PEOPLE TO WHICH A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ACTING IN GOOD FAITH CAN PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, AND SUPPLY AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST. (E)
- 594                   MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE AND REGARDING IMPOUNDING STRAY ANIMALS, REPEALS THE LAW REGARDING FENCING DISTRICTS.
- 599                   DEFINES LOADED FIREARM REGARDING THE POSSESSION AND USE OF WEAPONS AS A FIREARM THAT IS ASSEMBLED AND CONTAINS AN UNEXPENDED CARTRIDGE, SHELL, OR PROJECTILE IN THE FIRING POSITION.
- 613                   MODIFIES THE TIMING OF SERVICE TO ACIC OF THE APPLICATION FOR TERMINATION OF THE OBLIGATION TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER; REQUIRES THE PROSECUTOR OR THE COMPUTERIZED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO SEND NOTICE TO THE VICTIM OF THE SEX OFFENDER.
- 619                   EXPANDS THE ACTIVITIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL INDECENCY WITH A CHILD, PROVIDES PENALTIES.
- 659                   MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO SENTENCING, PAROLE, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION POLICIES. (\*)

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**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 683 PROVIDES THAT A VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE OR ANY FELONY SEX OFFENSE DOES NOT INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY COMMITTED BEFORE APRIL 1, 2015 UNLESS THE DEFENDANT WAS SENTENCED ON OR AFTER MAY 24, 2022 CONCERNING CONVICTION FOR MULTIPLE FELONIES.
- 692 EXPANDS THE OFFENSES FOR WHICH THE STATE MAY REQUEST AN EXTENDED JUVENILE JURISDICTION DESIGNATION IN A DELINQUENCY PETITION OR FILE A SEPARATE MOTION REGARDING JUVENILES THAT ARE 14 OR 15 YEARS OF AGE.
- 707 REPEALS THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LAW OFFICER BE PRESENT WITH AN AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICE; ALLOWS THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT DEVICE IN A HIGHWAY WORK ZONE, MORE.
- 709 AMENDS VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE OFFENSE OF THEFT OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER; REPEALS THE PRESUMPTION THAT PERSONS IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS ARE NOT IN UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A CATALYTIC CONVERTER.
- 714 ALLOWS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO IMPOUND A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATED IN A RACE/DRAW RACE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT THE REGISTERED OWNER'S EXPENSE IF THE OPERATOR HAS COMMITTED A PRIOR OFFENSE WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.
- 722 CREATES AND DEFINES THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, PROVIDES THAT COMMITTING SUCH AN OFFENSE IS A CLASS B FELONY.
- 734 PROVIDES THAT THE OFFENSE OF FLEEING BY MEANS OF ANY VEHICLE OR CONVEYANCE IS CONSIDERED A CLASS D FELONY IF THE PERSON OPERATED THE VEHICLE OR CONVEYANCE IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.
- 738 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF OFFENSIVE RELATIONS WITH A CHILD IF A PERSON 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER KNOWINGLY KISSES A CHILD 13 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENTICE THE CHILD INTO SEXUAL ACTIVITY. (E)
- 739 CREATES THE OFFENSE OF KNOWINGLY EXPOSING ANOTHER PERSON TO FENTANYL IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE, PROVIDES PENALTIES.
- 742 ALLOWS THE GOVERNOR TO SPECIFY THAT A WRITTEN DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PARDON/COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE/FINE REMISSION IS WITH PREJUDICE, WHICH BARS THE APPLICANT FROM FILING SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS WHILE THE GOVERNOR ISSUING THE DENIAL IS IN OFFICE.
- 762 INCREASES THE PENALTY FOR ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING THE SERIAL OR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON FARM IMPLEMENTS, MOTOR VEHICLES, AND BOATING EQUIPMENT, MAKES VIOLATIONS A CLASS D FELONY.

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**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

- 772 AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF SERIOUS HARM UNDER THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2013 TO INCLUDE HARM THAT WOULD COMPEL A REASONABLE PERSON TO PERFORM COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY OR A SEXUALLY EXPLICIT PERFORMANCE TO AVOID INCURRING THAT HARM.
- 773 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER IS PERMITTED TO CARRY A HANDGUN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE PERSON IS ON A JOURNEY BEYOND THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON LIVES.
- 774 ADDS A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND A COUNTY SHERIFF, BOTH APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL FOR THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION.
- 775 CREATES THE VIOLENT CRIME CLEARANCE GRANT FUND, REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHEN DETERMINING GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA. (E)
- 777 CONSTRUES THE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT LAW AS SOLELY CODIFIED TO ASSIST CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY LICENSURE IN OTHER STATES.
- 785 PROHIBITS A DNA SAMPLE TAKEN FROM INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR A FELONY USING RAPID DNA TECHNOLOGY FROM BEING RETAINED OR STORED AFTER COMPLETION OF THE RAPID DNA IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.
- 803 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 812 INCREASES THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM \$125 TO \$150, REPEALS THE \$1,500 LIMIT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY OR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM GRANT AWARDS FUNDED BY THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
- 815 RAISES THE TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE THRESHOLD THAT REQUIRES A DRIVER TO NOTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT OF AN ACCIDENT FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000.
- 816 PROHIBITS A VEHICLE FROM BEING DRIVEN TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY WHEN THE VEHICLE BEING PASSED HAS SIGNALLED ITS INTENTION TO MAKE A LEFT TURN.
- 825 REQUIRES A HIGHWAY TO HAVE A DECREASE IN THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT UPON ENTERING AN AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF AFFECTED HIGHWAY UNDER THE ARKANSAS SPEED TRAP LAW, AMENDS DEFINITION OF REVENUE UNDER THE SPEED TRAP LAW.
- 837 PROVIDES THAT A PERSON WHO COMMITS COMMERCIAL BURGLARY OF A PHARMACY IS SUBJECT TO AN ENHANCED SENTENCE OF AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEARS IN PRISON.

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**COUNTY SHERIFFS (cont.)**

889 REQUIRES THE PAROLE BOARD TO ADMINISTER A MOBILE APPLICATION THAT SHALL PROVIDE AND UPDATE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING AN INMATE BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE OR A PERSON ON PAROLE.

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**COUNTY TREASURERS**

- 38 REQUIRES THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY TO MEET JOINTLY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE COURT SYSTEM.
  
- 58 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF AMENDMENT 74 PROPERTY TAX FUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
  
- 61 AUTHORIZES A CIRCUIT COURT TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY TREATMENT SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES INVOLVED IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT PROCEEDING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SPECIFIES ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM.
  
- 62 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
  
- 65 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR THE REFUND OF LOCAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
  
- 75 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)
  
- 122 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
  
- 123 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
  
- 133 AMENDS THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIMING OF ACCRUAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY COSTS FOR HOLDING STATE INMATES, PROBATIONERS, AND PAROLEES. (E)
  
- 142 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
  
- 172 AMENDS DUTIES OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS REGARDING TAX-DELINQUENT LAND.
  
- 192 ALLOWS A TAXPAYER WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY SALES TAX LIABILITY OF \$5,000 OR MORE FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGAN ON JULY 1 AND ENDED ON JUNE 30 TO FILE ALL RETURNS AND REMITTANCES ELECTRONICALLY FOR SALES TAX AND COMPENSATING USE TAX RETURNS. (\*)

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- 196 AMENDS THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW REGARDING THE CALCULATION OF WAGES AND TAXABLE WAGE BASE, SETTING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS, REDUCING MAXIMUM POTENTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND MORE. (E)
- 211 AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF HIGHWAY REVENUES TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL FEE 2 FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES, HYBRID VEHICLES, AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES. (\*)
- 237 CREATES THE ARKANSAS LEARNS ACT, CREATING PERSONAL ACCOUNTS FOR STUDENTS TO USE IN ATTENDING ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, SETTING A MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY OF \$50,000 AND MAKING VARIOUS OTHER CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAW. (E) (\*)
- 241 AMENDS THE AUCTION PROCESS FOR THE SALE AND REDEMPTION OF TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTY. (E)
- 315 INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FROM \$375 TO \$425. (\*)
- 323 ALTERS THE FEES CHARGED FOR ISSUING OR SEALING A SUMMONS OR SUBPOENA, WAIVES FEES FOR ISSUING OR SEALING A SUMMONS OR SUBPOENA FOR ACTIONS BROUGHT IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT.
- 366 REQUIRES A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO BE ADDED TO THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PER DIEMS OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM PER DIEMS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. (\*)
- 370 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO DF&A – ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 411 REQUIRES THE STATE TREASURER TO PROVIDE EACH STATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY A LIST OF FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ENERGY COMPANIES OR FIREARMS ENTITIES BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND OTHER GOVERNANCE-RELATED FACTORS.
- 447 SEPARATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR, AND CONSOLIDATES THE OFFICES OF TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, IN OUACHITA COUNTY. (\*)
- 449 INCREASES THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM QUORUM COURTS AND THE NET REVENUE FROM THE PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX TO VARIOUS CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY.
- 450 PROVIDES THAT FOR DEFENDANTS MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS UNDER § 5-4-202(B) AND ALSO MAKING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR RESTITUTION UNDER § 5-4-205(E)(1)(B), INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE APPLIED TO RESTITUTION FIRST.



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**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- 453 REQUIRES THE STATE TREASURER TO WITHHOLD A MUNICIPALITY'S TURNBACK FUNDS IF A MUNICIPALITY FAILS TO FILE A REQUIRED AUDIT REPORT OR WATER/SEWER REPORT WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR THE REPORTS COVER UNTIL THE REPORTS ARE FILED. (\*)
- 472 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE POWERS/DUTIES OF COUNTY TREASURERS REGARDING THE RECEIPT/DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS, DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, TAX-DELINQUENT PROPERTIES, AND THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS.
- 483 MAKES CHANGES TO THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS IN THE STATE.
- 524 AMENDS REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SALE/LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OR A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY AND A PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT ENTITY WITH AN OBLIGATION THAT THE LESSEE/PURCHASER MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES. (\*)
- 541 INCLUDES IN THE DEFINITION OF HOMESTEAD A DWELLING OWNED BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WITH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO CLAIMS THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT AND USES THE DWELLING AS HIS OR HER PRINCIPLE PLACE OF RESIDENCE. (\*)
- 565 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 567 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 594 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING LIVESTOCK RUNNING AT LARGE AND REGARDING IMPOUNDING STRAY ANIMALS, REPEALS THE LAW REGARDING FENCING DISTRICTS.
- 608 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 610 REPEALS AN OBSOLETE PROVISION REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF REVENUE TO THE PROPERTY TAX TRUST FUND.
- 685 REQUIRES THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO BE SERVED BY TWO STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES INSTEAD OF ONE. (\*)
- 722 CREATES AND DEFINES THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, PROVIDES THAT COMMITTING SUCH AN OFFENSE IS A CLASS B FELONY.
- 760 MAKES CLARIFYING CHANGES CONCERNING THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED IN REGULATING ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL JUSTICE, OR GOVERNANCE SCORES.
- 761 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

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**COUNTY TREASURERS (cont.)**

- 812 INCREASES THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM \$125 TO \$150, REPEALS THE \$1,500 LIMIT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY OR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FROM GRANT AWARDS FUNDED BY THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
  
- 846 CREATES THE ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BOARD AND FUNDING TRUST, TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS AND DAMAGES/LOSSES CAUSED BY A CYBERATTACK COMMITTED AGAINST A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. (\*)

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- 92 PROVIDES THAT EARLY VOTING MAY BE SCHEDULED ON COUNTY HOLIDAYS.
  
- 116 PROVIDES THAT CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN 50,000 WITH A MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT CAN APPOINT THE CITY ATTORNEY BY ORDINANCE IN LIEU OF HOLDING AN ELECTION FOR CITY ATTORNEY EVERY FOUR YEARS. (\*)
  
- 138 REQUIRES A VACANCY ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY CHAIR OF THE APPROPRIATE PARTY UNTIL AN ELECTION IS HELD BY THE COUNTY COMMITTEE TO ELECT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL THE REST OF THE TERM.
  
- 141 EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO ANY PERSON PREVENTED FROM VOTING DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF A RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINE OR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY DURING THE ENTIRE TWELVE HOURS THAT THE POLLS ARE OPEN ON ELECTION DAY.
  
- 190 REQUIRES ANY COUNTY THAT LEVIES A GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS TO DELAY PUTTING THE QUESTION TO VOTERS FOR APPROVAL WHEN THE EARLIEST DATE PERMITTED FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IS MORE THAN 75 DAYS FROM THE ENACTMENT OF THE ORDINANCE. (E)
  
- 194 REQUIRES SPONSORS OF INITIATIVE PETITIONS OR REFERENDUM PETITIONS TO FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BEFORE BEING CIRCULATED FOR SIGNATURES, ALLOWS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO RATIFY OR CHANGE BALLOT TITLE AND POPULAR NAME FOR EACH AMENDMENT/ACT. (E)
  
- 230 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. (A)
  
- 236 REQUIRES BALLOT INITIATIVES FOR STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS FROM AT LEAST 50 COUNTIES, CONTAINING SIGNATURES OF ONE-HALF OF THE DESIGNATED PERCENTAGE OF THE ELECTORS FOR EACH COUNTY REPRESENTED. (E)

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- 246 REQUIRES THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO FOLLOW CERTAIN STORAGE PROCEDURES FOR BALLOTS CAST AT EARLY VOTING POLLING SITES WHEN EQUIPMENT IS TRANSFERRED FROM ONE EARLY VOTING SITE TO ANOTHER.
- 263 REQUIRES A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS THAT HOLDS EARLY VOTING AT AN ADDITIONAL POLLING SITE TO HAVE THE SAME EARLY VOTING HOURS AT THAT SITE AS THE DESIGNATED EARLY VOTING HOURS AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.
- 276 PROVIDES THAT CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS MUST FILE REQUIRED MATERIALS DURING A ONE-WEEK PERIOD ENDING AT 12:00 NOON 70 DAYS BEFORE A SCHOOL ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER. (E)
- 292 REMOVES DIGITAL FLASHCARDS, PERSONALIZED ELECTRONIC BALLOTS, AND ZIP DISKS FROM THE DEFINITION OF ELECTION MEDIA.
- 294 REQUIRES ALL STATE AND COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS TO SUBMIT NEW FEDERAL ELECTION GUIDANCE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN 2 BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT, REQUIRES SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPILE INFORMATION AND PREPARE A REPORT.
- 295 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES CONCERNING COMPLAINTS OF ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS AND DEFINITIONS AND THE PRESERVATION OF ELECTION MATERIALS.
- 300 AMENDS THE ALLOWABLE DATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON MEASURES OR QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AMENDS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL ELECTION CAN BE HELD. (\*)
- 305 PROHIBITS WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FROM QUALIFYING FOR THE BALLOT OR HAVING THEIR VOTES COUNTED IN ARKANSAS ELECTIONS.
- 307 AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSION TO SET THE MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT BY RULE; MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, PRINTED CAMPAIGN SIGNS AND MATERIALS, CITIZEN COMPLAINTS, AND ENFORCEMENT. (\*)
- 308 PROVIDES REMEDIES FOR CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS LEARNS THAT AN ERROR OR OMISSION HAS OCCURRED IN THE PREPARATION OF BALLOTS. PROVIDES CANDIDATES WITH A PROOF COPY OR REPORT OF BALLOTS EACH CYCLE.
- 320 DEFINES 'CONSENT' AS A FREELY GIVEN, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND INFORMED AGREEMENT BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT PHYSICALLY HELPLESS, MENTALLY DEFECTIVE, MENTALLY INCAPACITATED, OR UNDER THE LEGAL AGE TO CONSENT.
- 321 MODIFIES ELECTION RECOUNT PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

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- 328 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW REGARDING NOMINATING PETITIONS AND THE ELECTION OF MAYORS AND DIRECTORS.
- 329 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO ELECTION LAW REGARDING THE PREPARATION, DELIVERY, COUNTING, AND TRANSPORT OF BALLOTS.
- 350 REQUIRES PAPER BALLOTS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ELECTRONIC VOTE TABULATION DEVICES AND TO BE RUN THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC VOTE TABULATION DEVICE BEFORE A HAND COUNT IS CONDUCTED, REQUIRES ELECTION RESULTS TO BE REPORTED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE POLLS CLOSING. (E)
- 352 PROHIBITS A STATE OR COUNTY EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL FROM ACCEPTING ANY FUNDING OR GIFTS TO PAY FOR ELECTION RELATED EXPENSES OTHER THAN FROM A CITY, COUNTY, THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
- 353 PROHIBITS A COUNTY CLERK, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, OR ELECTION OFFICIAL FROM ESTABLISHING OR USING A DROP BOX FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS, AND FROM DELIVERING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THROUGH A DROP BOX.
- 356 AMENDS THE COMPENSATION THAT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY RECEIVE REGARDING OUTSIDE WORK, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT, AND STIPENDS.
- 389 AMENDS REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION OF VOTE CENTERS DURING PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING RUNOFF ELECTIONS.
- 421 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES MUST APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION.
- 424 REPEALS THE ELECTION PROCEDURES THAT APPLY TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A 10% OR GREATER MINORITY POPULATION.
- 441 PROPOSES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS REGARDING VARIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS REQUIREMENTS AND PROVISIONS; REQUIRES STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS AUDIT OF VOTER REGISTRATION DATA.
- 444 REQUIRES THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DESIGNATE OBSERVATION AREAS FOR POLL WATCHERS EVERYWHERE BALLOTS ARE CAST, REQUIRES THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR POLL WATCHERS.
- 455 AMENDS THE DEFINITION OF APPROVED POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE AN ENTITY THAT DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 FROM ANY PERSON IN A CALENDAR YEAR, AN INCREASE FROM \$5,000.

**ACT****ELECTIONS (cont.)**

- 456 REMOVES THE PROHIBITION ON DISPLAYS OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN LITERATURE ON THE VEHICLE OF A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHILE ON STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS.
- 460 REQUIRES AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, IN THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER ELECTION OFFICIAL, TO FOLLOW CERTAIN PROCEDURES WHEN DUPLICATING A DAMAGED BALLOT.
- 462 MAKES CHANGES TO ELECTION LAW CONCERNING PETITION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDS THE TIMING OF THE ONE-WEEK PARTY FILING PERIOD.
- 491 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND AUTHORIZES THE USE OF FUNDS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE STATE BOARD AND ANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN CONDUCTING ELECTIONS. (A)
- 519 ALLOWS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD, WITHIN 60 DAYS OF A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION TO RECONSTITUTE AN EXISTING COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, TO ESTABLISH BY MAJORITY VOTE ADDITIONAL ZONES WITHIN THE RECONSTITUTED COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.
- 544 CREATES THE ELECTION INTEGRITY UNIT WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO AID THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF ELECTION CRIMES AND ELECTION SECURITY.
- 547 ALLOWS VOTERS TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT OF ANY ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION THE ISSUE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ELECT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SINGLE MEMBER ZONES, AT LARGE, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH, EXPANDS BOARD OF DIRECTOR TERMS TO 4 YEARS.
- 620 CREATES AN ELECTION INTEGRITY REVIEW PROCESS, MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF ELECTION LAW AND ELECTION AUDITS.
- 647 REMOVES THE REQUIREMENT THAT VOTES FOR AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR CITY CLERK MUST BE TABULATED AS IN ALL CONTESTED RACES.
- 671 GIVES AN AREA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A DEFUNCT TOWNSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ANNEXED INTO A WET CITY/INCORPORATED TOWN ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ANNEXING CITY/TOWN RELATED TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
- 721 REQUIRES A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILE THE RATE OF TAX FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK 72 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION, AND 89 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS.

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- 743 REQUIRES PAPER BALLOTS TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ELECTRONIC VOTE TABULATION DEVICES AND TO BE RUN THROUGH THESE DEVICES BEFORE A HAND COUNT IS CONDUCTED, HAND COUNT MUST BE COMPLETED AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE CERTIFICATION DEADLINE. (E)
- 750 PROVIDES THAT IF NO CANDIDATE HAS FILED TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF A VACATING SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR, THE POSITION SHALL BE DEEMED VACANT.
- 753 AMENDS THE MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR REPORTING INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, AMENDS POWERS/DUTIES OF ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION REGARDING CAMPAIGN-RELATED COMPLAINTS AND REPORTING CALENDARS FOR ELECTION FILINGS.
- 766 CREATES THE OFFENSE OF INTERFERENCE WITH INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ACTS SUCH AS TAMPERING WITH SIGNATURES OR IMPERSONATION. PROVIDES REGULATION FOR HIRING A PERSON TO INTERFERE IN A PAID CANVASSER'S ATTEMPT TO GATHER SIGNATURES.
- 799 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

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**GENERAL AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

- 11 REQUIRES THAT ALL UNITED STATES AND STATE OF ARKANSAS FLAGS PURCHASED BY A PUBLIC ENTITY WITH TAXPAYER FUNDS BE MANUFACTURED IN AMERICA.
- 12 SEPARATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY. (\*)
- 60 REQUIRES THE DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT A CHILDCARE FACILITY COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE ZONING AND LAND USE REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRES LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO TREAT FACILITIES AS RESIDENTIAL USE.
- 96 PROHIBITS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM LEVYING AN INCOME TAX.
- 100 PROVIDES THAT EARNING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAM SHALL BE TREATED THE SAME AS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR PURPOSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN ARKANSAS.
- 106 DISQUALIFIES A PERSON FROM RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR FAILING TO ACCEPT SUITABLE WORK WITHIN 5 DAYS OF A JOB OFFER OR FAILING TO APPEAR FOR A SCHEDULED JOB INTERVIEW ON 2 OR MORE OCCASIONS WITHOUT PROVIDING NOTICE. (\*)

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

- 126 REQUIRES THE GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER THE DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM UNDER § 16-123-502 WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER AN ALLEGED ACT WAS MOTIVATED BY DISCRIMINATORY ANTISEMITIC INTENT WHEN DECIDING IF A DISCRIMINATORY ACTS PROHIBITION WAS VIOLATED.
- 127 ADDS A DEFINITION OF GENERAL REVENUE WITH REGARD TO HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS TO COUNTY AID FUNDS AND MUNICIPAL AID FUNDS.
- 130 ALLOWS THE ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX LEVIED UNDER AMENDMENT 101 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO BE USED BY A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO RETIRE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BONDS. (E)
- 139 REQUIRES COUNTIES TO REAPPRAISE ALL MARKET VALUE REAL ESTATE EVERY FOUR YEARS INSTEAD OF EVERY THREE YEARS.
- 160 REQUIRES A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVE HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND TO PRIORITIZE ADMITTING HOUSEHOLDS WHERE ALL ABLE-BODIED ADULTS ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE WORK REQUIREMENT. (\*)
- 177 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 16 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PRACTICE, PROCEDURE, AND THE COURTS.
- 178 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 21 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.
- 203 MAKES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 14 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
- 267 PROHIBITS A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING AN ORDINANCE OR RULE THAT PROHIBITS OR REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF A BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE OR THAT IMPOSES INSTALLATION OR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
- 300 AMENDS THE ALLOWABLE DATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON MEASURES OR QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE VOTERS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AMENDS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN EMERGENCY SPECIAL ELECTION CAN BE HELD. (\*)
- 307 AUTHORIZES THE COMMISSION TO SET THE MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT BY RULE; MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, PRINTED CAMPAIGN SIGNS AND MATERIALS, CITIZEN COMPLAINTS, AND ENFORCEMENT. (\*)
- 366 REQUIRES A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO BE ADDED TO THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PER DIEMS OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS AND A ONE-TIME 10% COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE MAXIMUM PER DIEMS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. (\*)

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

- 447 SEPARATES THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR, AND CONSOLIDATES THE OFFICES OF TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, IN OUACHITA COUNTY.
- 453 REQUIRES THE STATE TREASURER TO WITHHOLD A MUNICIPALITY'S TURNBACK FUNDS IF A MUNICIPALITY FAILS TO FILE A REQUIRED AUDIT REPORT OR WATER/SEWER REPORT WITHIN 18 MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR THE REPORTS COVER UNTIL THE REPORTS ARE FILED. (\*)
- 480 REQUIRES A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN TO COVER AMBULANCE SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, ESTABLISHES REIMBURSEMENT RATES.
- 483 MAKES CHANGES TO THE SALARIES OF THE JUDGES AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS IN THE STATE.
- 495 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 497 REQUIRES A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE/DENY/REQUEST TO REVISE AN APPLICANT'S PERMIT REQUEST W/IN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT, A PERMIT REQUEST IS AUTOMATICALLY APPROVED IF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT APPROVE/DENY/REQUEST TO REVISE IT WITHIN 60 DAYS.
- 504 REQUIRES A PUBLIC ENTITY TO CREATE A TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES POLICY DEFINING THE AUTHORIZED USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY, DEVELOP A CYBER SECURITY POLICY FOR ALL TECH RESOURCES, AND DEVELOP A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.
- 510 EXEMPTS FROM FOIA MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVOLVING CYBERATTACKS ON PUBLIC ENTITIES AND EXEMPTS RELATED INTERNAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS THOSE INCIDENTS.
- 514 PROHIBITS A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF A NATURAL, PROTECTIVE, OR CULTURAL HAIRSTYLE, EXEMPTS THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES.
- 529 REQUIRES PAID MILITARY LEAVE AT THE RATE OF 168 HOURS PER CALENDAR YEAR, PLUS NECESSARY TIME, FOR FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS, MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.
- 537 REQUIRES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COUNSELING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO EXPERIENCES A TRAUMATIC EVENT IN THE COURSE OF DUTY, REQUIRES THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION TO STUDY COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. (\*)



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- 551 PROHIBITS A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM ADOPTING LAWS/REGULATIONS THAT PROHIBIT THE SITING OF AN UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY, FUEL RETAILER, OR RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE ENTIRETY OF THE JURISDICTIONAL.
- 554 PROVIDES THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE SELF-INSURED FIDELITY BOND PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE SATISFIED ANY OTHER STATUTORILY REQUIRED BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY UNDER STATE LAW. (E)
- 586 EXPANDS THE LIST OF PEOPLE TO WHICH A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ACTING IN GOOD FAITH CAN PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, AND SUPPLY AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST. (E)
- 590 PROHIBITS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING AN ORDINANCE OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE SALE OR RESALE OF A TICKET FOR ADMISSION TO A LEGAL EVENT AT ANY PRICE OR THE CHARGING OF ANY FEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OR RESALE. (E)
- 595 AMENDS THE LAW REGARDING SPECIE/LEGAL TENDER, PROHIBITS SPECIE OR LEGAL TENDER FROM BEING CHARACTERIZED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION OR REGULATORY PURPOSES.
- 611 PROHIBITS PUBLIC ENTITIES FROM ENGAGING IN A BOYCOTT OF ENERGY, FOSSIL FUEL, FIREARMS, AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES, OR FROM CONTRACTING WITH A COMPANY WITHOUT WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT ENGAGED IN SUCH BOYCOTTS.
- 659 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES TO SENTENCING, PAROLE, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION POLICIES. (\*)
- 685 REQUIRES THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT TO BE SERVED BY TWO STATE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES INSTEAD OF ONE. (\*)
- 699 ALLOWS A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO STATE BY RESOLUTION THAT THE PUBLIC ENTITY BE KNOWN AS A PRO-LIFE CITY, A PRO-LIFE COUNTY, OR A PRO-LIFE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND TO PROMOTE THAT PRO-LIFE STATUS.
- 717 INCLUDES CEMETERY FACILITIES AND APPARATUS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE REGARDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOND ACT OF 1985.
- 730 PROHIBITS COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM BANNING A RETAIL PET STORE FROM ACQUIRING, OR SELLING TO A PERSON, AN ANIMAL FROM A CATTERY, KENNEL, OR DEALER AS DEFINED IN 7 U.S.C. § 2132 AS IT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 2023.

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

- 733 PROHIBITS STATE GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING ANY DISCRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION BASED ON RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OR STATUS OR THAT PROVIDES/FACILITATES ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE, OR AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF INTENDED RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS.
- 769 AMENDS THE POWERS/DUTIES OF REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, ALLOWS A REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO LEVY A SALES TAX AND ESTABLISH A REGIONAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
- 822 PROHIBITS A STATE AGENCY, CITY, COUNTY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAM.
- 826 PROVIDES THAT FIDELITY BOND MEANS COVERAGE FOR DIRECT PECUNIARY LOSS OF VALUE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF ANY FRAUDULENT OR DISHONEST ACT AS OPPOSED TO ACTUAL LOSS OF VALUE REGARDING THE SELF-INSURED FIDELITY BOND TRUST FUND.
- 846 CREATES THE ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM, INCLUDING BOARD AND FUNDING TRUST, TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS AND DAMAGES/LOSSES CAUSED BY A CYBERATTACK COMMITTED AGAINST A PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. (\*)
- 879 AMENDS REQUIREMENTS REGARDING A CUSTODIAN RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, PERMITS CUSTODIAN RESPONSE TO BE DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY.

**ACT****RETIREMENT ACTS**

- 143 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 240 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BENEFITS PAID TO SURVIVORS AND THE REFUND OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER THE DEATH OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS.
- 247 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING SURVIVOR BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN. (E)
- 248 MAKES VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ANNUITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN. (E)
- 458 EXTENDS THE MAXIMUM DURATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN FOR ACTIVE PAID SERVICE POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS FROM SEVEN YEARS TO TEN YEARS. (E)

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**RETIREMENT ACTS (cont.)**

498 OUTLINES HOW A FIDUCIARY SHALL DISCHARGE HIS OR HER DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO A PENSION BENEFIT PLAN, PROHIBITS CONSIDERATION OF NONPECUNIARY FACTORS.

**ACT**

**APPROPRIATION ACTS**

58 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR REDISTRIBUTION OF AMENDMENT 74 PROPERTY TAX FUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)

62 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR STATE TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)

65 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR THE REFUND OF LOCAL TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)

75 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR. (A)

90 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)

122 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

123 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)

142 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)

143 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

342 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

344 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM DIVISIONS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

370 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO DF&A – ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)

491 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND AUTHORIZES THE USE OF FUNDS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE STATE BOARD AND ANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN CONDUCTING ELECTIONS. (A)

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**APPROPRIATION ACTS (cont.)**

- 561 PROVIDES THAT OVERSIGHT OF THE RESTRICTED RESERVE FUND BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE CANNOT BE REMOVED. (A)
- 565 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 566 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 567 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICES. (A)
- 569 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 570 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 571 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 601 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 605 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 608 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 761 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 796 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR VARIOUS GRANTS AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. (A)
- 799 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (A)
- 853 AMENDS THE REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND. (A)
- 888 AMENDS THE REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND. (A)
- 890 APPROPRIATES FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR 2023-2024 OPERATIONS. (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 24<sup>th</sup>, therefore, the effective date of those acts without emergency clauses or built-in effective dates is expected to be July 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

HJR 1006

PROPOSES A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE USES OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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