

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representative Deitz**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
9 COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT
10 FOR UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE STATE;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD TO ESTABLISH AND
15 IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING IN THE
16 STATE."

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. The State Board of Election Commissioners, with the
21 assistance of participating counties, shall establish and implement a "pilot
22 project" for a uniform system of electronic voting in the state. The Board of
23 Election Commissioners shall establish a support section in order to provide
24 administration, education and furnish support for the system by providing at
25 no charge to the counties, electronically printed voting machine ballots, and
26 the creation of county data bases for all elections within the count in order
27 to accomplish a state wide system of electronic voting and election total
28 compilation. The Board of Election Commissioners with participating counties
29 shall through actual election use in 1993 and 1994 establish the
30 specifications for the electronic election system to enable the counties to
31 immediately and electronically obtain all vote totals, including write in
32 votes that have been electronically grouped by office with the system within
33 the precinct where cast and to enable the county to immediately transfer from
34 the precinct where cast and to enable the cartridges continuing the totals
35 along with system printed back up totals to the county election central in

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1 order to obtain electronically compiled county wide totals and by electronic
2 means immediately transfer all vote totals, individual write in vote totals
3 and other totals from a participating county directly to the office of the
4 State Board of Election Commissioners in the state capital.

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6 SECTION 2. The State Board of Election Commissioners shall develop
7 policies and procedures for purpose of establishing and implementing the
8 uniform system of electronic voting in the State of Arkansas and shall develop
9 methods to assist counties in funding acquisition of electronic voting
10 equipment. Participation in the system shall be based upon a resolution of
11 the county governing body requesting participation in the pilot program and
12 shall be based upon order or receipt of such resolution by the State Board of
13 Election Commissioners.

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15 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
16 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
17 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
29 Assembly that there is a compelling need to modernize the system of voting
30 within the State of Arkansas and to standardize the systems of voting within
31 the State of Arkansas and to standardize the system of voting within the State
32 in order that all eligible individuals may participate in the system and that
33 the results of such elections may be tabulated quickly and accurately by
34 electronic means. Therefore, and emergency is hereby declared to exist and
35 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,

1 health and safety and welfare shall be in full force and effect from and after
2 its passage and approval.