

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

# **A Bill**

**SENATE BILL 590**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION  
9 COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY OF STATE TO CONDUCT ANNUAL  
10 TRAINING SESSIONS FOR *ELECTION* OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES."

## **Subtitle**

15 "REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT ANNUAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR  
16 *ELECTION* OFFICIALS."

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

20 *SECTION 1. The State Board of Election Commissioners in conjunction*  
21 *with the Office of the Secretary of State shall conduct training for election*  
22 *officials. In order to provide training to election officials and county*  
23 *election commissioners the State Board of Election Commissioners and the*  
24 *Secretary of State shall conduct two (2) training sessions in the state of*  
25 *Arkansas in the year 1994 and beginning January 1, 1996, the State Board of*  
26 *Election Commissioners and the Secretary of State shall conduct training*  
27 *sessions in each congressional district and at least five (5) counties every*  
28 *two years thereafter.*

30 *SECTION 2. No county election commissioner, precinct clerk, judge or*  
31 *other election official shall serve as such after January 1, 1995, unless the*  
32 *official has attended at least one (1) training session conducted by the State*  
33 *Board of Election Commissioners and Secretary of State. However, the State*  
34 *Board of Election Commissioners concerning County Election Commissions and the*  
35 *County Election Commissions concerning precinct judges and clerks may on a*

1 case by case basis waive the training requirement when failure to attend was  
2 unavoidable.

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4 SECTION 3. Election officials shall be entitled to mileage and  
5 reasonable expense reimbursement for attending no more than two (2) training  
6 sessions per year. The expenses shall be paid by the county.

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8 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
19 hereby repealed.

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21 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
22 Assembly that election officials should be formally trained; that the State  
23 Board of Election Commissioners and the Secretary of State should conduct the  
24 training sessions for the election officials that this act so provides; and  
25 that this act should go into effect immediately in order to provide training  
26 as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and  
27 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
28 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage  
29 and approval.

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*/s/ Senator Scott*

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