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HOUSE BILL   2850

5   By: Representative Bolin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF FINES BY
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT
COURTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF
FINES BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR
DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT COURTS.

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

21   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-709(b), concerning private
22   contractors collecting fines, is amended to read as follows:
23   (b)(1)(A) If a private contractor is selected to collect fines, then,
24   to ensure the integrity of the court and to protect the county or city, the
25   contractor shall register with the Secretary of State and shall file with the
26   Secretary of State a surety bond or certificate of deposit.
27   (B)(i) Upon approval of the quorum court or the governing
28   body of the city, a district or circuit court may authorize an independent
29   contractor to administer the installment payments on fines.
30   (ii) As a condition of authorizing installment
31   payments, a district or circuit court may require the defendant to pay a fee
32   for the service.
33   (2) The amount of the surety bond or certificate of deposit
34   shall be fifty thousand dollars ($50,000).
35   (3) The county, city, or any person suffering damage by reason
36   of the acts or omissions of the contractor may bring action on the bond for

1   damages.

2   (4) A contractor shall be ineligible to provide such services if

3   the owner, operator, partner, or employee shall have been convicted of a

4   felony.

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