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2 **79th General Assembly**
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A Bill

ACT 1261 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1927

4 **By: Representatives Steele, Mahony, and Whorton**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE TO RENEW MOTOR
9 VEHICLE REGISTRATION BY MAIL; TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OF THE
10 ADDITIONAL FEE FOR USE OF THE RENEWAL-BY-MAIL INCENTIVE;
11 TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO ASSESS PROPERTY BY
12 TELEPHONE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO RENEW CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY
16 MAIL."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §26-26-1114 is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "26-26-1114. Assessment of personal property taxes by mail or by
23 telephone.

24 (a) For any assessment of personal property taxes after December 31,
25 1993, a taxpayer may assess the personal property taxes by mail, by telephone,
26 or in person.

27 (b)(1) The assessor shall permit assessment of real and personal
28 property of individuals by telephone without a signature verification under
29 oath.

30 (2) The assessment by telephone shall not apply to business,
31 commercial, and industrial real and personal property assessments.

32 (3) *The assessor shall mail individuals assessing personal property by*
33 *telephone within five (5) working days from the date of assessment by*
34 *telephone, an assessment containing a certification, which shall be provided*
35 *by the tax collector, indicating whether all required personal property taxes*
36 *have been paid. The assessor shall provide, if requested, proof of assessment*

1 for each motor vehicle assessed and proof of said payment information
2 appropriate for motor vehicle registration renewal by mail.

3 (c) The Director of the Assessment Coordination Division of the
4 Arkansas Public Service Commission shall promulgate regulations for the
5 administration of this section. The forms and regulations promulgated by the
6 director shall apply to all counties in the state."

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8 SECTION 2. Title 27, Chapter 14, Subchapter 6 of the Arkansas Code is
9 hereby amended to add a new section to read as follows:

10 "27-14-607. Renewal of Passenger Car and Pick-up Trucks by Mail.

11 (a) In addition to any other fee imposed by this subchapter, there is
12 imposed an additional motor vehicle registration fee of two dollars (\$2.00)
13 for the annual renewal of motor vehicles registered and licensed under §27-14-
14 601(a) (1) and §27-14-601(a) (3) (A) .

15 (b) The additional fee imposed by section (a) herein, shall not be due
16 if the motor vehicle registration and license is renewed by mail postmarked no
17 later than the tenth (10th) day of the month in which the existing motor
18 vehicle registration expires.

19 (c) Any registration fees collected as a result of subsection (a)
20 herein, shall be deposited in the State Treasury as a nonrevenue receipt
21 credited to the State Central Services Fund for use by the Revenue Division."

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23 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated §27-14-1012(b) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 "(b) Sixty (60) days before the expiration of the license, the director
26 shall notify the owner of a registered motor vehicle subject to this
27 subchapter at the last address of the owner of the motor vehicle as such
28 owner's name and address appear on the records of the Office of Motor Vehicle,
29 but the director is not required to go beyond the face of the last
30 registration statement."

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32 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be in effect on and after
33 January 1, 1994.

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35 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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/s/Railey A. Steele, et al

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