

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1104 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 2170

5 By: Representative Flanagin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND A.C.A. § 7-9-124, THE VOTER REGISTRATION  
10 SIGNATURE IMAGING SYSTEM, AND TO AMEND A.C.A. §26-54-104(b)  
11 CONCERNING THE ANNUAL FRANCHISE TAX; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOTER  
15 REGISTRATION SIGNATURE IMAGING SYSTEM  
16 AND THE ANNUAL FRANCHISE TAX."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-9-124, the Voter Registration Signature  
22 Imaging System, is amended to read as follows:

23 "7-9-124. Voter Registration Signature imaging system.

24 (a) There is hereby established in the office of the Secretary of State  
25 a voter registration signature imaging system, and the Secretary of State is  
26 authorized to acquire and maintain the necessary equipment and facilities to  
27 accommodate the system.

28 (b) The Department of Computer Services shall cooperate with and assist  
29 the Secretary of State in determining the computer equipment and software  
30 needed in the office of the Secretary of State for the voter registration  
31 signature imaging system.

32 (c) There is hereby created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
33 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known  
34 as the Voter Registration Signature Imaging System Fund."  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 19-6-478 is amended to read as follows:

1 "19-6-478. Voter Registration Signature Imaging System Fund.

2 The Voter Registration Signature Imaging System Fund shall consist of  
 3 those special revenues as specified in subdivision (179) of § 19-6-301, there  
 4 to be used by the Secretary of State to acquire and maintain the necessary  
 5 equipment and facilities to accommodate the voter registration signature  
 6 imaging system, as set out in § 7-9-124 and § 26-54-104."

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 26-54-104(b), concerning the annual franchise  
 9 tax, is amended to read as follows:

10 "(b)(1) In addition to the annual franchise taxes levied in § 26-54-  
 11 104, there is hereby levied a franchise tax of three dollars (\$3.00) per year  
 12 on each corporation required to report and remit franchise taxes under that  
 13 section. All revenues derived from the additional franchise tax levied in  
 14 this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenues and  
 15 shall be credited to the Voter Registration Signature Imaging System Fund and  
 16 shall be used exclusively for acquiring and operating a voter registration  
 17 signature imaging system in the office of the Secretary of State.

18 (2) There is hereby created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
 19 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known  
 20 as the Voter Registration Signature Imaging System Fund."

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

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

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

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