

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011  
**Amendment Form**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Subtitle of House Bill No. 2127**

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR EMPLOYERS TO RESPOND TO APPLICATIONS  
FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ONLINE NOTICE OF  
APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2127**

Amend House Bill No. 2127 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 28, delete "on online" and substitute "online"

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "ten"

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "(10) business" and substitute "fifteen (15)  
calendar"

AND

Page 2, line 12, insert the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-521 is amended to read as follows:  
11-10-521. Claims – Filing – Notice to last employer.

(a) Claims for benefits shall be made in accordance with ~~such~~  
regulations as the Director of the ~~Arkansas Employment Security~~ Department  
~~may prescribe~~ of Workforce Services prescribes.

(b)(1)(A) ~~In accordance with such regulation as the director may  
prescribe, a~~ A notice of the filing of an initial claim shall be immediately  
mailed or posted online under subsection (c) of this section, or both, to the  
employing unit known to the claimant as his or her last employer.

(B) An employer notified under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of  
this section may choose to receive and respond to notice under this section  
through the mail or through the online program under subsection (c) of this  
section, or both.

(2)(A) If a last employer fails to respond within ten (10)  
calendar days to a notice under this section, the last employer shall be  
deemed to have waived the right to respond.



(B) If a last employer's right to respond has been deemed waived under subdivision (2)(A) of this section, the director may accept the statement given by the claimant as his or her reason for separation from the last employer and may base his or her determination on the statement given by the claimant.

(c) On or before January 1, 2012, the director shall make available on the website of the Department of Workforce Services a program that will allow employers the option to receive and respond to notice under this section."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative Clemmer

MAG/JPS - 03/21/11 05:50

MAG320

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk