

Section 14 of Act 1280 of 2015

SECTION 14. DO NOT CODIFY. (a)(1) The Legislative Council shall conduct a feasibility study of requiring:

(1) All state and district candidates to file campaign contribution and expenditure reports and carryover fund reports in electronic form; and

(2) The implementation of systems for the review of campaign contribution and expenditure reports and carryover fund reports in a manner that is easily utilized by candidates and facilitates public access.

(b)(1) The study shall be conducted in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

(2) The study shall afford a reasonable opportunity for public comment.

(c) The study shall include without limitation:

(1) Review of pertinent electronic filing systems utilized by other states;

(2) A demonstration of electronic filing software systems by competent vendors in the field;

(3) An evaluation of features that facilitate public access to electronically filed reports and statements and the searching of data contained therein;

(4) An evaluation of programs that train public officials in the use of electronic filing systems;

(5) An analysis of the costs to purchase, install, and test electronic filing systems; and

(6) Appropriate timelines for the implementation of electronic filing systems.

(d)(1) The study shall be completed by January 1, 2016.

(2)(A) The Legislative Council shall report its findings to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) The findings shall include recommendations as to the feasibility, cost, design, and timelines for the implementation of new or improved electronic filing systems by the Secretary of State.