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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2850

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO BE
PAID BY ELECTRONIC DIRECT DEPOSIT."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2850.

Amend House Bill No. 2850 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a)(1) As a condition of employment, a person hired or appointed to a position in any agency in state government on or after the effective date of this act shall be required to accept payment of salary or wages by electronic warrants transfer. The electronic warrants transfer shall be made in the form of a direct deposit of funds to the account of the beneficiary of such payment in any financial institution equipped for electronic fund transfers, provided that such financial institution is designated in writing by such beneficiary and has lawful authority to accept such deposits.

(2)(A) Any person affected by the direct deposit requirement set forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may request an exemption from the requirement. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to grant exemptions from the direct deposit requirement upon a showing of hardship to the person requesting the exemption or upon any other reasonable basis.

(B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish the standards and procedures for granting exemptions from the direct deposit requirement set forth in this section.

(3) The direct deposit requirement set forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not apply to a person who is in the employment of the state prior to the effective date of this act and subsequently receives a promotion appointment, transfer, or other change in position within the same personnel system on or after the effective date of this act.

(b)(1) For purposes of the direct deposit requirement set out in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the term "agency" means all state agencies, boards, commissions, bureaus, councils, or programs except:

(A) The elected constitutional officers of the State of Arkansas and their employees;

(B) The General Assembly and its employees, including employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council and the Division of Legislative Audit;



(C) Members and employees of the Arkansas Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of the Courts, circuit courts, and prosecuting attorneys, but not including deputy prosecuting attorneys;

(D) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

(E) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department; and

(F) All administrative, academic, classified, and nonclassified employees of the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

(2) Any agency, board, commission, bureau, council, or program exempted under this subsection (b) from the direct deposit requirement set forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may elect to enter the electronic warrants transfer system on a voluntary basis.

(c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to establish any special accounts necessary to facilitate direct deposit of employee salaries or wages."

The Amendment was read _____

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