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A Bill

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6 By: Senator B. King

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION
11 VIOLATIONS BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
12 COMMISSIONERS; TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF CERTAIN
13 IRREGULARITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION
18 VIOLATIONS BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
19 COMMISSIONERS; AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING
20 OF CERTAIN IRREGULARITIES.

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

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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 4, Subchapter 120, is*
26 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

27 *7-4-120. Mandatory reporting of election irregularities.*

28 *(a) A member of a county board of election commissioners shall*
29 *promptly report to the State Board of Election Commissioners:*

30 *(1) A violation of the election laws or an election irregularity*
31 *that is caused by the member or witnessed by the member; and*

32 *(2) A complaint received from the public concerning a violation*
33 *of election laws or an election irregularity.*

34 *(b) A report under subdivision (a)(2) of this section shall:*

35 *(1) Be in writing; and*

36 *(2) Include:*

(A) A description of the complaint;

(B) The name of the complainant, if available;

(C) The contact information for the complainant, if available; and

(D) A description of the facts or circumstances associated with the complaint.

(c) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall investigate the violation or irregularity under this section.

(d) The State Board of Election Commissioners may:

(1) Sanction the violation as provided under § 7-4-118; and

(2) Provide assistance or instruction to the member of the county board of election commissioners to prevent the violation or irregularity from reoccurring in the future.

/s/B. King

Referred by the Arkansas Senate

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