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95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1037

AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1037

Amend House Bill 1037 as originally introduced:

Page 4 immediately following SECTION 7, insert the following sections:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 7-5-106(f) and (g), concerning runoff elections for county and municipal offices, are amended to read as follows:

(f)~~(1)~~ As used in this section, “municipal office” means offices of cities of the first class and cities of the second class and incorporated towns and includes the offices of council members, members of boards of managers, or other elective municipal offices elected by the voters of the entire municipality or from wards or districts within a municipality.

~~(2) “Municipal office” does not include offices of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

~~(g) This section does not apply to election of members of the boards of directors and other officials of cities having a city manager form of government.~~

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(1)(A), concerning the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) If a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting on the issue vote to do so, the mayor shall be directly elected by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-111(b)(2) and (3), concerning the minimum percentage requirement for the selection of mayor in a city manager form of government, are amended to read as follows:

~~(2)(A) At a special or general election on the question of whether to directly elect the mayor, a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue may also vote to require that a successful candidate for mayor receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for the position of mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff.~~

~~(B) The minimum percentage necessary for election without a runoff shall be determined by ordinance approved by a two thirds vote of the governing body or referred to the electors for their approval.~~

~~(3)(A) If it is required that a candidate receive a minimum percentage, less than fifty percent (50%), of the total votes cast for mayor in order to be elected mayor without a runoff, and if no candidate for the position of mayor receives at least the required percentage a majority of the votes cast, then the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for the position of mayor and shall be certified to a special runoff election which shall be held four (4) weeks from the day on which the general election is held.~~

~~(B) The special runoff election shall be conducted, and the election results shall be canvassed and certified in the manner prescribed by law for municipal runoff elections.~~

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 14-61-112 is amended to read as follows:

14-61-112. Selection of directors and mayor.

~~(a) Unless special provisions for the position of mayor are implemented pursuant to § 14-61-111, the A candidate for mayor, who in any special or general election shall receive receives a majority of the votes cast in favor of another candidate for the position, shall be deemed to be elected.~~

~~(b) If special provisions for the election of the mayor are implemented pursuant to under § 14-61-111, then those special provisions will~~

~~control the election of the mayor, unless these special provisions are amended by ordinance approved by a two thirds vote of the governing body of the city.~~

~~(c)(1) The A candidate for a designated position on the board of directors of a city affected by this chapter who in a special or general election receives votes greater in number than those cast in favor of another candidate for the position and who receives at least forty percent (40%) a majority of the votes cast, shall be deemed elected.~~

~~(2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section may be amended by ordinance approved by a two thirds vote of the governing body of the city or by the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the municipality by petition.~~

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11 of this act shall supersede any prior elections, ordinances, or other actions that provided for officials in a city with a city manager form of government to be elected with less than a majority vote of the qualified electors of the city."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
By: Senator M. Johnson
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Chief Clerk

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1037

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
11 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
17 COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the State Board of Election Commissioners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year,
25 the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) PBC03C	ELECTION COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
32	(2) LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
33	(3) PBC04A	ELECTION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS08
34	(4) FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
35	(5) PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
36	(6) CTR04P	TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS08



1 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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3 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 5 TRANSFER. If funds are not available for the State Board of Election
 6 Commissioners to perform their duties, the Director of the State Board of
 7 Election Commissioners may from time to time certify to the Chief Fiscal
 8 Officer of the State the amount of funds needed and the Chief Fiscal Officer
 9 of the State shall transfer the certified amount from the Nonpartisan Filing
 10 Fee Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund for use by the State Board of
 11 Election Commissioners.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 13 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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15 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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25 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the