Rules Status Report

Act 441: This Act creates the Voter Registration and Secure Voter Records Act of 2023; amends Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51; amends the law concerning audits of voter registration information; and amends the duties of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., necessary to implement the requirements of the section concerning the statewide voter registration list, and ensure the security, accuracy, and integrity of the statewide voter registration system, supporting technologies utilized by the counties to maintain and record voter registration information, secure user access requirements established by the Secretary of State; and election audit logs. See Act 441, § 3. (McClure, Rep.) [Ark. Const. amend. 51, § 7(j)(3)].

The promulgation will consist of new rules. As of the date of this report, we are currently still in negotiations with vendors necessary to carry out the requirements of the Act. The rules are currently pending review. It is anticipated that a public hearing will be held within the next 30-60 days.

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