

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

7 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 16-66-416 TO PROVIDE THAT A  
8 SHERIFF SHALL NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR FAILURE TO  
9 RETURN EXECUTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
10 COUNTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGES INCURRED BY  
11 A JUDGMENT CREDITOR AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF THE  
12 SHERIFF TO RETURN EXECUTION IN THE MANNER AND WITHIN THE  
13 TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-66-416 is hereby amended by adding a new  
19 subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

20 "(c) A sheriff shall not be personally liable for failure to return an  
21 execution in the manner or within the time prescribed in this section.  
22 Provided, the county shall be liable for any loss or damages incurred by the  
23 judgment creditor as a result of the failure of the sheriff to return  
24 execution in the manner or within the time prescribed by law."

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26 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
33 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
34 act are declared to be severable.

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1 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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