

1 State of Arkansas

2 80th General Assembly

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4 By: Senators Scott and Webb

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A Bill

SENATE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO CONTRACT WITH
9 PRIVATE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES,
10 PENALTIES, AND COSTS; TO REQUIRE EACH PRIVATE PERSON OR
11 ENTITY ENTERING INTO ANY SUCH CONTRACT TO POST A SURETY
12 BOND OR CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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SECTION 1. Any city or county in the state, or any municipal court upon approval of the governing body or bodies exercising control over the court, is authorized to contract with collection agencies licensed under the provisions of Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 21, for the collection of fines, forfeitures, penalties and costs assessed for the violation of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of such cities and counties or for any other action or inaction for which fines, forfeitures, penalties or costs may be assessed and for which the city, county or court has the authority or responsibility to collect. A contract entered into pursuant to the authority granted herein shall include the collection fee to be paid the collection agency, which fee shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount collected. Such collection agencies shall have or exercise no law enforcement authority in the collection of such fines, forfeitures, penalties and costs but shall have only such authority as is currently vested in such

1 agencies.

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

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7 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 act are declared to be severable.

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13 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
14 hereby repealed.

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/s/Scott and Webb

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