

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2210

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5 By: Representative Wilson

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (f) OF ARKANSAS CODE § 7-4-101
10 TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
11 COMMISSIONERS TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND ISSUE ADVISORY
12 OPINIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE
16 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO
17 INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND ISSUE
18 ADVISORY OPINIONS."

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

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22 SECTION 1. Subsection (f) of Arkansas Code § 7-4-101, regarding the
23 State Board of Election Commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

24 "(f) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall perform the
25 following duties:

26 (1) Publish a candidate's election handbook, in conjunction with
27 the Arkansas Ethics Commission, which outlines, in a readable and
28 understandable format, the legal obligations of a candidate and any other
29 suggestions that might be helpful to a candidate in complying with state
30 election law;

31 (2) Conduct statewide training for election clerks and judges and
32 county election commissioners;

33 (3) Monitor all election law-related legislation;

34 ~~————— (4) Conduct investigations of citizen complaints and issue~~
35 ~~advisory opinions regarding violations of election and voter registration~~
36 ~~laws, except as to § 7-1-103(1) through (4), (6), (7), and (8), or except for~~

1 ~~any matter relating to campaign finance and disclosure laws, which the~~
2 ~~Arkansas Ethics Commission shall have the same power and authority to enforce~~
3 ~~as is provided the commission under ~~AA~~ 7-6-217 and 7-6-218 for the enforcement~~
4 ~~of campaign finance laws;~~

5 ~~_____ (5) To develop procedures for receiving citizen complaints which~~
6 ~~are referred to in subdivision (f)(4) of this section;~~

7 ~~_____ (6)(4) Formulate, adopt, and promulgate all necessary rules and~~
8 ~~regulations to assure even and consistent application of fair and orderly~~
9 ~~election procedures; and~~

10 ~~_____ (7)(5) Promulgate all regulations necessary to assure compliance~~
11 ~~with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993."~~

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13 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
20 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
21 act are declared to be severable.

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

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