

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1094

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5 By: Representative Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ELECTIONS ADVISORY
10 COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ELECTIONS
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Purpose. It is found and determined by the General Assembly
20 that:

21 (1) Recent changes in technology have given rise to more efficient and
22 effective methods of voting;

23 (2) The right of franchise is one of the most important rights given to
24 the people of Arkansas;

25 (3) It is important that the State of Arkansas provide its citizens
26 with a method of voting that ensures every voter has the opportunity to cast
27 his or her ballot in a timely manner; and

28 (4) The election process needs to be reviewed to ensure that this state
29 is implementing the most advanced technology and efficient methods available
30 for voting.
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32 SECTION 2. (a) There is created the Arkansas Elections Advisory
33 Committee which shall consist of seventeen (17) members appointed as follows:

34 (1) There shall be three (3) members of the committee appointed
35 by the Governor.

36 (2) There shall be six (6) members appointed by the President Pro

1 Tempore of the Senate consisting of:

2 (A) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
3 the advisory committee have served at least one (1) month but not more than
4 one (1) year;

5 (B) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
6 the advisory committee have served at least one (1) year but not more than
7 three (3) years; and

8 (C) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
9 the advisory committee have served at least three (3) years but not more than
10 (5) years.

11 (3) There shall be six (6) members appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House of Representatives consisting of:

13 (A) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
14 the advisory committee have served at least one (1) month but not more than
15 two (2) years;

16 (B) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
17 the advisory committee have served at least two (2) years but not more than
18 four (4) years;

19 (C) Two (2) members who at the time selected to serve on
20 the advisory committee have served at least four (4) years but not more than
21 seven (7) years.

22 (4) There shall be two (2) members selected by the Secretary of
23 State, one (1) of whom shall be a county clerk.

24 (b) Members of the committee shall not be entitled to compensation for
25 their services but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with
26 Arkansas Code § 25-16-902 to be paid by the Arkansas Legislative Council.

27 (c) Legislative members of the committee, if any, shall receive, in
28 lieu of reimbursement for meals, lodging and travel, the same per diem and
29 mileage allowance for each day of attending meetings of the committee as is
30 authorized by law for attending meetings of the interim committees of the
31 General Assembly and shall be paid from funds appropriated for that purpose.

32 (d) The Legislative Council shall provide necessary staff to assist the
33 committee with the range and diversity of its charge.

34 (e)(1) The committee shall hold its first meeting within thirty (30)
35 days after its appointment to organize as necessary to carry out its purposes
36 as prescribed by this act.

1 (2) The Governor shall designate a person on the committee to
2 call and preside at the first meeting.

3 (f) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the
4 transaction of business.

5 (g) The committee shall select by majority vote one (1) of its members
6 to serve as a chairperson and one (1) to serve as vice chairperson.

7 (h) The committee shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings may
8 be called by the chair or as provided by the rules of the committee.

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10 SECTION 3. (a) The Arkansas Elections Advisory Committee shall review
11 and study:

- 12 (1) Elections laws currently implemented under state law;
- 13 (2) Technological advancements in elections;
- 14 (3) Election laws of other states; and
- 15 (4) Problems that have occurred in previous elections.

16 (b)(1) The committee shall prepare and submit to the House and Senate
17 State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committees on or before October 31,
18 2002, a comprehensive report concerning the activities undertaken by the
19 committee, any recommendations for legislative proposals, other pertinent
20 information which, in the opinion of the committee, will indicate the
21 activities conducted by the committee, and additional information which may be
22 requested by the Governor or the House or Senate State Agencies and
23 Governmental Affairs Committees.

24 (2) The House and Senate State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
25 Committees shall provide a report to the Governor.

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27 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act will expire on December 31, 2002.
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