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	As Engrossed: H2/19/01		
2	83rd General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2001		HOUSE BILL 1121	
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5	By: Representatives Bookout, Al	lison, Biggs, C. Taylor, Broadway, King,	Trammell, Shoffner	
6	By: Senator Faris			
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled		
10	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS STATE ELECTION			
11	I MPROVEMENT S	STUDY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER	PURPOSES.	
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13		Subtitle		
14	AN ACT	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS STATE		
15	ELECTIO	N IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMISSION.		
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	RAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AF	RKANSAS:	
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20	SECTION 1. <u>The Ark</u>	ansas State Election Improvemen	<u>nt Study Commission is</u>	
21	created for the purpose of studying the nature of the electoral process in			
22	Arkansas and making recommendations to the General Assembly to ensure public			
23	<u>confidence in elections i</u>	<u>n this state.</u>		
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25	SECTION 2. <u>(a)</u> The	e commission shall be composed o	of the following	
26	members:			
27	(1) The Secr	retary of State, who shall chair	<u>the commission;</u>	
28	<u>(2)</u> One (1)	member of the House of Represer	<u>ntatives to be</u>	
29	appointed by the Speaker	of the House of Representatives	<u>S;</u>	
30	<u>(3)</u> One (1)	member of the Senate to be appo	pinted by the President	
31	<u>Pro Tempore of the Senate</u>	<u>;;</u>		
32	<u>(4) One (1)</u>	member of the State Board of El	ection Commissioners	
33	<u>appointed by the chief ex</u>	ecutive officer of that board;		
34	<u>(5)</u> One (1)	county clerk from each congress	<u>sional district</u>	
35	appointed by the chief ex	ecutive officer of the Arkansas	s County Clerks	
36	Association;			



1	(6) One (1) prosecuting attorney designated by the chief		
2	executive officer of the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association;		
3	(7) One (1) person designated by the chair of the Democratic		
4	Party of the State of Arkansas;		
5	(8) One (1) person designated by the chair of the Republican		
6	Party of the State of Arkansas;		
7	(9) One (1) person designated by the chief executive officer of		
8	the Arkansas League of Women Voters; and		
9	(10) One (1) person designated by the Governor.		
10	If any appointment is not made by July 1, 2001 the Secretary of State may		
11	appoint a person meeting the qualifications prescribed for the position.		
12	(c) If a vacancy arises in any position on the commission, the vacancy		
13	shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.		
14	(d) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a		
15	quorum.		
16	(e) Meetings of the commission shall be at the call of the chair.		
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18	SECTION 3. The commission shall conduct a study of the nature of the		
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2	times, places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the		
3	<u>commission may find advisable to fulfill the requirements of this act.</u>		
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5	SECTION 5. The Secretary of State shall provide staff for the		
6	commission.		
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8	SECTION 6. The commission shall make its final report to the General		
9	Assembly and to the Governor not later than June 30, 2002. The final report		
10	shall be filed with the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives		
11	and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and shall set out the findings and		
12	conclusions of the commission, and make recommendations for addressing		
13	problems identified in the commission's analysis. Any member of the		
14	commission may submit additional findings and recommendations as part of the		
15	final report.		
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17	SECTION 7. The commission shall expire on July 1, 2002.		
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19	SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the		
20	<u>Eighty-third General Assembly that the election process of this state should</u>		
21	be studied in a deliberate unrushed manner prior to the convening of the next		
22	regular session of the General Assembly; that this act establishes a		
23	commission to conduct that study; and that this act should go into effect as		
24	soon as possible in order to give that commission the maximum amount of time		
25	to properly conduct the study and make recommendations to the next General		
26	Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being		
27	immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and		
28	safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If		
29	the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become		
30	effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor		
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