

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2850

5 By: Representative Pace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE
10 OF ARKANSAS TO BE PAID BY ELECTRONIC DIRECT
11 DEPOSIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL NEW EMPLOYEES OF
15 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO BE PAID BY
16 ELECTRONIC DIRECT DEPOSIT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a)(1) As a condition of employment, a person hired or
22 appointed to a position in any agency in state government on or after the
23 effective date of this act shall be required to accept payment of salary or
24 wages by electronic warrants transfer. The electronic warrants transfer
25 shall be made in the form of a direct deposit of funds to the account of the
26 beneficiary of such payment in any financial institution equipped for
27 electronic fund transfers, provided that such financial institution is
28 designated in writing by such beneficiary and has lawful authority to accept
29 such deposits.

30 (2)(A) Any person affected by the direct deposit requirement set
31 forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may request an exemption from the
32 requirement. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority
33 to grant exemptions from the direct deposit requirement upon a showing of
34 hardship to the person requesting the exemption or upon any other reasonable
35 basis.

36 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish



1 the standards and procedures for granting exemptions from the direct deposit
2 requirement set forth in this section.

3 (3) The direct deposit requirement set forth in subdivision
4 (a)(1) of this section shall not apply to a person who is in the employment
5 of the state prior to the effective date of this act and subsequently
6 receives a promotion appointment, transfer, or other change in position
7 within the same personnel system on or after the effective date of this act.

8 (b)(1) For purposes of the direct deposit requirement set out in
9 subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the term "agency" means all state
10 agencies, boards, commissions, bureaus, councils, or programs except:

11 (A) The elected constitutional officers of the State of
12 Arkansas and their employees;

13 (B) The General Assembly and its employees, including
14 employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council
15 and the Division of Legislative Audit;

16 (C) Members and employees of the Arkansas Supreme Court,
17 the Administrative Office of the Courts, circuit courts, and prosecuting
18 attorneys, but not including deputy prosecuting attorneys;

19 (D) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

20 (E) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
21 Department; and

22 (F) All administrative, academic, classified, and
23 nonclassified employees of the state-supported institutions of higher
24 learning.

25 (2) Any agency, board, commission, bureau, council, or program
26 exempted under this subsection (b) from the direct deposit requirement set
27 forth in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may elect to enter the electronic
28 warrants transfer system on a voluntary basis.

29 (c) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have the authority to
30 establish any special accounts necessary to facilitate direct deposit of
31 employee salaries or wages.

32 /s/ Pace

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