

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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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY COUNTY REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING
10 CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO MODIFY COUNTY REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING
15 CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-24-204 is amended to read as follows:
21 14-24-204. Payment generally.

22 (a)(1) It is the intent of this subchapter that, after a claim has
23 been properly presented to a county court with a proper certification and
24 itemization thereof, as provided by law, the county clerk may cause a check
25 to be prepared in payment of the claim. This check must be accompanied by an
26 attached certification from the clerk stating that the check is for payment
27 of a valid claim against the county, properly presented and allowed, as
28 provided by law, the check being presented to the county treasurer for his or
29 her signature, such check being in duplicate form, allowing for the following
30 information and distribution:

31 (A) An original check, after being transmitted to the
32 treasurer for his or her signature, will be delivered to the party presenting
33 the claim to the treasurer; and

34 (B)(i) A duplicate copy of the check, which will provide
35 the printed certification thereon by the clerk to the treasurer and provide
36 for the original signature of the clerk on the certification, will be



1 maintained by the treasurer.

2 (ii) A duplicate copy of the check may be retained in electronic form
3 rather than paper.

4 (2) The checks shall be prenumbered and designed in such form
5 that the ~~specific appropriation applicable~~ and particular fund affected out
6 of which the check is to be paid is noted thereon.

7 (b) In lieu of the provisions of this section pertaining to the
8 issuance of a check in duplicate form, if a county so chooses, the following
9 provisions may apply:

10 (1) Once the aforementioned claim procedures have been
11 completed, the treasurer may cause a check to be prepared in payment of
12 claims filed with the county court;

13 (2) Each claim properly docketed and approved for payment by the
14 county court shall be proper certification from the clerk to the treasurer
15 that a valid claim exists; and

16 (3) The checks shall be prenumbered and so designed that the
17 ~~specific appropriation applicable, particular fund affected, and claim number~~
18 shall be noted thereon.

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20 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-24-121 is amended to read as follows:

21 14-24-121. Electronic warrants transfer system.

22 (a) The quorum court of each county may, by ordinance, establish an
23 electronic warrants transfer system directly into payee's accounts in
24 financial institutions in payment of any account allowed against the county.

25 (b)(1) For purposes of this section counties opting for the electronic
26 warrants transfer system shall ~~not be required to follow the generally~~
27 ~~established rules concerning the payment of county claims but may establish~~
28 ~~their own electronic payment method provided that method follows generally~~
29 ~~accepted accounting principles and leaves an adequate audit trail that~~
30 provides for internal accounting controls and documentation for audit and
31 accounting purposes.

32 (2) The electronic payment method under subdivision (b)(1) of
33 this section shall be approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee
34 before implementation by the county.

35 (c) A single electronic warrants transfer may contain payments to
36 multiple payees, appropriations, characters, and funds.

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