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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2078

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING FUNDS FOR  
9 VOTING SYSTEMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING FUNDS  
12 FOR VOTING SYSTEMS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-9-525(a)(1), concerning certain fees for  
20 records filed with the Secretary of State, is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) Records filed only with the Secretary of State pursuant to § 4-9-  
22 501(a)(3), ~~from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2015~~ sixteen dollars (\$16.00),  
23 for filing and indexing the initial financing statement and termination  
24 statements, if the record consists of one (1) page. ~~On and after July 1, 2015~~  
25 ~~—twelve dollars (\$12.00), for filing and indexing the initial financing~~  
26 ~~statement and termination statements, if the record consists of one (1) page;~~  
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-301(d), concerning the acquisition,  
29 use, and cost of voting machines, is amended to read as follows:

30 (d)(1) Voting machines and electronic vote tabulating devices shall be  
31 purchased pursuant to a competitive bidding process with consideration given  
32 to:

- 33 (A) Price;
- 34 (B) Quality; and
- 35 (C) Adaptability to Arkansas ballot requirements.

36 (2)(A) The Secretary of State shall ~~use a portion of the funds~~



1 ~~provided by the federal government and the state for the purpose of complying~~  
2 ~~with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 to~~  
3 ~~purchase and distribute voting machines and electronic vote tabulating~~  
4 ~~devices and other equipment necessary to the administration of elections~~  
5 establish guidelines and procedures for a grant program to distribute funds  
6 from the County Voting System Grant Fund, § 19-5-1243, to counties for the  
7 purposes of purchasing:

8 (i) Voting machines;

9 (ii) Electronic vote tabulating devices; and

10 (iii) Other voting system equipment, components, or  
11 programming; and

12 (iv) Maintenance of voting system equipment,  
13 components, and programming.

14 (B) A grant provided to a county from the County Voting  
15 System Grant Fund, § 19-5-1243, shall be paid into the county treasury to the  
16 credit of the fund to be known as the "voting system grant fund".

17 (C) Moneys deposited into the "voting system grant fund"  
18 shall be appropriated for the uses designated in this section by the quorum  
19 court.

20 ~~(3) Each county shall bear the cost of acquiring any additional~~  
21 ~~voting machines or electronic vote tabulating devices or other equipment~~  
22 ~~necessary to the administration of elections.~~

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 19-5-1243. County Voting System Grant Fund.

27 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
28 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be  
29 known as the "County Voting System Grant Fund."

30 (b) The Secretary of State shall periodically remit to the Treasurer  
31 of State twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each fee for filing and indexing the  
32 initial financing statement and termination statements collected under § 4-9-  
33 525(a)(1), and the Treasurer of State shall deposit those funds into the  
34 County Voting System Grant Fund.

35 (c) The County Voting System Grant Fund shall be used by the Secretary  
36 of State to provide grants to counties to purchase voting system equipment,

1 programming, and maintenance.

2 (d) A county that receives a grant from the County Voting System Grant  
3 Fund shall establish on the books of the county treasurer a fund to be known  
4 as the "voting system grant fund" into which grants from the Secretary of  
5 State shall be paid under this section.

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7 SECTION 4. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2012.

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9 */s/Slinkard*