| 1  | 1 State of Arkansas As Eng  | rossed: \$2/26/13                                       |
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| 2  | 2 89th General Assembly   | A Bill  |
| 3  | 3 Regular Session, 2013   | SENATE BILL 199   |
| 4  | 4   |   |
| 5  | 5 By: Senator K. Ingram   |   |
| 6  | 6 By: Representative Ferguson   |   |
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| 8  | 8 For An  | Act To Be Entitled                                      |
| 9  | AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE COUNTY                     |   |
| 10 | BOOKKEEPING METHODS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.                              |   |
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| 13 | 13  | Subtitle  |
| 14 | TO AMEND THE LAW  | CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE                                  |
| 15 | COUNTY BOOKKEEPI  | NG METHODS.   |
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| 18 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSE   | MBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:                          |
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| 20 | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-24-204(a)(2), concerning payments by        |   |
| 21 | county courts, is amended to read as follows:                             |   |
| 22 | 22  | all be <del>prenumbered and</del> designed in such form |
| 23 | that the particular fund affected out of which the check is to be paid is |   |
| 24 | 24 noted thereon.   |   |
| 25 | 25 <u>(B) A county m</u>  | ay use computer equipment for check                     |
| 26 | 26 <u>preparation if the use of an auto</u>                               | mated software program that accomplishes the            |
| 27 | 27 <u>same purpose as prenumbered check</u>                               | s and other required denotations is in                  |
| 28 | 28 <u>compliance with the Information S</u>                               | ystems Best Practices Checklist provided by             |
| 29 | 29 <u>the Legislative Joint Auditing Co</u>                               | <u>mmittee.</u>   |
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| 31 | SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §  | 14-24-204(b), concerning payments by county             |
| 32 | courts, is amended to read as follows:                                    |   |
| 33 | 33 (b) In lieu of the provisi   | ons of this section pertaining to the                   |
| 34 | -   | form, if a county so chooses, the following             |
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| 36 | (1) Once the aforeme  | ntioned claim procedures have been                      |

| T  | completed, the treasurer may cause a check to be prepared in payment of       |  |
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| 2  | claims filed with the county court;   |  |
| 3  | (2) Each claim properly recorded and approved for payment by the              |  |
| 4  | county court shall be proper certification from the clerk to the treasurer    |  |
| 5  | that a valid claim exists; and  |  |
| 6  | (3)(A) The checks shall be prenumbered and so designed that the               |  |
| 7  | particular fund affected out of which the check is to be paid shall be noted  |  |
| 8  | thereon.  |  |
| 9  | (B) A county may use computer equipment for check                             |  |
| 10 | preparation if the use of an automated software program that accomplishes the |  |
| 11 | same purpose as prenumbered checks and other required denotations is in       |  |
| 12 | compliance with the Information Systems Best Practices Checklist provided by  |  |
| 13 | the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.                                     |  |
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| 15 | SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-25-104, concerning prenumbered checks           |  |
| 16 | used by counties, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as       |  |
| 17 | follows:  |  |
| 18 | (e) A county may use computer equipment for check preparation if the          |  |
| 19 | use of an automated software program that accomplishes the same purpose as    |  |
| 20 | prenumbered checks and other required denotations is in compliance with the   |  |
| 21 | Information Systems Best Practices Checklist provided by the Legislative      |  |
| 22 | Joint Auditing Committee."  |  |
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| 24 | SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-25-108(a)(3), concerning prenumbered            |  |
| 25 | receipts used by counties, is amended to read as follows:                     |  |
| 26 | (3) The use of mechanical receipting devices, which accomplish                |  |
| 27 | the same purpose as prenumbered receipts, is acceptable and is encouraged     |  |
| 28 | where such equipment is utilized A county may use an electronic receipting    |  |
| 29 | system that accomplishes the same purpose as prenumbered receipts if the      |  |
| 30 | system is in compliance with the Information Systems Best Practices Checklist |  |
| 31 | provided by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.                         |  |
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| 33 | /s/K. Ingram  |  |
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