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2 94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1402

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6 By: Senator Rice  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPLAINTS FILED  
10 WITH THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION; TO ALLOW ONLINE  
11 AND ELECTRONIC COMPLAINTS; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF  
12 INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-218(a), concerning citizen complaints  
26 filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission, and resulting from Initiated Act 1  
27 of 1990, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

28 (3) The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall accept complaints filed  
29 through:

30 (A) An online complaint submission process developed by  
31 the Arkansas Ethics Commission;

32 (B) An electronic complaint form through the official  
33 website of the Arkansas Ethics Commission; or

34 (C) A complaint on paper.

35 (4) A complaint is timely filed if it is filed in electronic  
36 form through the official website of the Arkansas Ethics Commission on or



1 before the date that the complaint is due.

2 (5) The Arkansas Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules under  
 3 the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, §25-15-201 et seq., to develop the  
 4 complaint submission process under subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

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 6 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

7 (a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the  
 8 Arkansas Ethics Commission shall file the final rules with the Secretary of  
 9 State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

10 (1) On or before November 1, 2023; or

11 (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by November 1,  
 12 2023, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

13 (b) The commission shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative  
 14 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of November 1, 2023, so  
 15 that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before  
 16 November 1, 2023.