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A Bill

SENATE BILL 56

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A FEE FOR A NEW RESIDENT REQUIRED
TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A FEE FOR A NEW RESIDENT
REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-910 is amended to read as follows:

12-12-910. Fine.

(a) The sentencing court shall assess at the time of sentencing a mandatory fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) on any person who is required to register under this subchapter.

(b)(1) A person who relocates to this state and was convicted of an offense in another state that requires registration in this state shall pay a fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) within ninety (90) days from the date of registration.

(2)(A) A person who fails to pay the fee required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(B) The person required to register has an affirmative defense to failure to pay a fee if he or she shows that his or her failure to pay the fee was not attributable to a:

(i) Purposeful refusal to obey the sentence of the



court; or

(ii) Failure on the defendant's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment.

~~(b)~~(c)(1) The fine provided in subsection (a) of this section and collected in circuit court, district court, or city court shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month to the Administration of Justice Fund Section of the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration on a form provided by that office for deposit into the Sex and Child Offenders Registration Fund as established by § 12-12-911.

(2) The fee provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be collected by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the person's sex offender verification and shall be remitted by the tenth day of each month to the Administration of Justice Fund Section of the Office of Administrative Services of the Department of Finance and Administration on a form provided by that office for deposit into the Sex and Child Offenders Registration Fund as established by § 12-12-911.

/s/J. Woods

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