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Ms. Miller-Rice:

This is the Arkansas Secretary of State's first monthly report on rulemaking as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-216 (b)(4). I am Secretary Jester's designee for providing this report and his designated contact regarding rule promulgation.

Act 998 of the 2025 Regular Session requires the Secretary of State to promulgate rules to implement Act 998, specifically as codified in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-8-1101 through 21-8-1106. The Secretary must "promulgate rules to: ... [c]reate and maintain registration statement forms as described under this subchapter; and... [i]mplement this subchapter." Ark. Code Ann. § 1106 (1) & (2).

At the time of this report, an initial draft of the necessary definitions and filing requirements to implement Act 998 is in progress. Additionally, the Legal Division has been working in consultation with Elections Division staff to create the most practicable forms necessary to implement Act 998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanner Thomas".

Tanner Thomas  
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