

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1402

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION; TO ALLOW ONLINE AND ELECTRONIC COMPLAINTS; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION; TO ALLOW ONLINE AND ELECTRONIC COMPLAINTS; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-218(a), concerning citizen complaints filed with the Arkansas Ethics Commission, and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

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

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

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

(C) A complaint on paper.

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



before the date that the complaint is due.

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

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

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

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

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

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