

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

State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1927

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND A PROVISION OF ACTS 2025, NO. 408,
CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTS 2025, NO. 408;
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND A PROVISION OF ACTS 2025, NO.
408, CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
ACTS 2025, NO. 408; AND TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Acts 2025, No. 408, § 23, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the exception that Sections 15 and 20 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval; and that in the event of an extension of the Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, with the exception that Sections 15 and 20 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in



full force and effect from and after July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025; with the exception of Sections 15 and 20 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the office of the Secretary of State provides vital services, including without limitation the regulation of elections and the registration of business entities, that preserve the public peace, health, and safety; that due to an error in Acts 2025, No. 408, funding for the office would lapse when its current appropriation expires at the end of the current fiscal year; and that the immediate effectiveness of this act is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, and safety as it will ensure that funding for the office is in place at the beginning of the next fiscal year and allow proper planning for the fiscal operations of the office. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.