

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 10

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DATA CENTERS ACT OF 2023; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION; TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL ASSET MINING ON WATER USAGE; TO ALLOW FOR THE CLOSURE OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET MINING OPERATIONS IF WATER USAGE IS EXCESSIVE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL ASSET MINING ON THE ELECTRIC GRID; TO ALLOW FOR THE HALT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET MINING OPERATIONS IF THE ELECTRIC GRID IS THREATENED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DATA CENTERS ACT OF 2023; AND TO REGULATE THE IMPACT ON WATER USAGE AND THE ELECTRIC GRID BY BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL ASSET MINING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

14-1-607. Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to monitor impact of blockchain networks and digital asset mining on water usage – Rules.



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The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission:

(1) Shall monitor the impact of blockchain networks and digital asset mining on water usage in this state;

(2) May take action under § 15-22-204 against a blockchain network or a digital asset mining business if the impact of the blockchain network or digital asset mining business threatens the critical groundwater supplies of this state through an excessive use of water; and

(3)(A) Shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

(B) A proposed rule by the commission promulgated under this section shall be approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee under § 10-3-309.

14-1-608. Arkansas Public Service Commission to monitor impact of blockchain networks and digital asset mining on electric grid – Rules.

The Arkansas Public Service Commission:

(1) Shall monitor the impact of blockchain networks and digital asset mining on the electric grid;

(2) May direct a utility to halt service to a blockchain network or digital asset mining business if the impact of the blockchain network or digital asset mining business threatens the reliability of the electric grid; and

(3)(A) Shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

(B) A proposed rule by the commission promulgated under this section shall be approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee under § 10-3-309.