

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
4

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1927

5 By: Representative Jean  
6 By: Senator J. Dismang  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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16 408, CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
17 ACTS 2025, NO. 408; AND TO DECLARE AN  
18 EMERGENCY.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Acts 2025, No. 408, § 23, is amended to read as follows:

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



1 full force and effect from and after July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025; with the exception of  
2 Sections 15 and 20 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and  
3 after the date of its passage and approval.  
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5 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the office of the Secretary of  
7 State provides vital services, including without limitation the regulation of  
8 elections and the registration of business entities, that preserve the public  
9 peace, health, and safety; that due to an error in Acts 2025, No. 408,  
10 funding for the office would lapse when its current appropriation expires at  
11 the end of the current fiscal year; and that the immediate effectiveness of  
12 this act is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, and safety as it  
13 will ensure that funding for the office is in place at the beginning of the  
14 next fiscal year and allow proper planning for the fiscal operations of the  
15 office. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being  
16 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
17 safety shall become effective on:

18 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

19 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
20 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
21 bill; or

22 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
23 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.  
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26 APPROVED: 4/10/25  
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