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HR 1012

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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPPROPRIATION  
10 BILL TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND  
11 DIGITAL ASSET MINING ON WATER USAGE; TO ALLOW FOR THE  
12 CLOSURE OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET  
13 MINING OPERATIONS IF WATER USAGE IS EXCESSIVE; TO  
14 MONITOR THE IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL  
15 ASSET MINING ON THE ELECTRIC GRID; AND TO ALLOW FOR  
16 THE HALT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET  
17 MINING OPERATIONS IF THE ELECTRIC GRID IS THREATENED.  
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### 19 Subtitle

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21 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A  
22 NONAPPROPRIATION BILL TO REGULATE THE  
23 IMPACT ON WATER USAGE AND THE ELECTRICAL  
24 GRID BY BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL  
25 ASSET MINING.  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
29 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 THAT Senator King is authorized to introduce a bill which as introduced  
32 will read substantially as follows:  
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34 "Title

35 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DATA CENTERS ACT OF 2023; TO AMEND THE LAW  
36 CONCERNING THE POWERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION; TO



1 MONITOR THE IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL ASSET MINING ON WATER  
2 USAGE; TO ALLOW FOR THE CLOSURE OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET  
3 MINING OPERATIONS IF WATER USAGE IS EXCESSIVE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING  
4 THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO MONITOR THE  
5 IMPACT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS AND DIGITAL ASSET MINING ON THE ELECTRIC GRID;  
6 TO ALLOW FOR THE HALT OF BLOCKCHAIN NETWORKS OR DIGITAL ASSET MINING  
7 OPERATIONS IF THE ELECTRIC GRID IS THREATENED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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9 Subtitle

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

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

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

18 14-1-607. Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to monitor impact of  
19 blockchain networks and digital asset mining on water usage – Rules.

20 The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission:

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

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

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

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29 14-1-608. Arkansas Public Service Commission to monitor impact of  
30 blockchain networks and digital asset mining on electric grid – Rules.

31 The Arkansas Public Service Commission:

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

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

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

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4 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

5 (a) When adopting the initial rules to implement this act, the final  
6 rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-  
7 204(f):

8 (1) On or before January 1, 2027; or

9 (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,  
10 2027, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

11 (b) The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission and the Arkansas Public  
12 Service Commission shall file the proposed rule with the Legislative Council  
13 under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2027, so that the  
14 Legislative Council may consider the rule for approval before January 1,  
15 2027."

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