

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1002

5 By: Representative Sabin  
6 By: Senator J. Woods  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS*  
10 *ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS*  
11 *REGARDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS*  
12 *CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 94; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF*  
13 *ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990;*  
14 *TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*  
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## Subtitle

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18 *CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS*  
19 *ETHICS COMMISSION TO INTERPRET ARKANSAS*  
20 *CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 94; TO AMEND*  
21 *ARKANSAS LAWS RESULTING FROM AN INITIATED*  
22 *ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-217(g)(2), concerning the authority of*  
28 *the Arkansas Ethics Commission and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1990, is*  
29 *amended to read as follows:*

30 *(2) Issue advisory opinions and guidelines on the requirements*  
31 *of § 7-1-103(a)(1)-(4), (6), and (7), this subchapter, § 7-9-401 et seq., §*  
32 *21-8-301 et seq., § 21-8-401 et seq., § 21-8-501 et seq. [repealed], § 21-8-*  
33 *601 et seq., § 21-8-701 et seq., § 21-8-801 et seq., § 21-8-901 et seq., and*  
34 *§ 21-8-1001 et seq., and Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the*  
35 *Arkansas Constitution;*  
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1            SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the people of Arkansas adopted  
3 Amendment 94 to the Arkansas Constitution at the 2014 General Election, which  
4 added Sections 28, 29, and 30 to Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution;  
5 that Amendment 94 requires the General Assembly to provide by law that  
6 Sections 28, 29, and 30 of Article 19 of the Arkansas Constitution be under  
7 the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Ethics Commission; and that this section  
8 should become effective at the earliest opportunity to allow the commission  
9 to issue guidance to affected public officials. Therefore, an emergency is  
10 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
12 on:

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

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

17                    (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
18 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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20    /s/Sabin

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