NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the State Board of Election Commissioners (Board) is proposing amendments to:

Rules on Poll Watchers, Vote Challenges, and Provisional Voting that set forth amended procedures for issuing, processing, and counting provisional ballots under Act 633 of 2017 which requires most voters to verify their voter registration with photo identification; and

Rules of Procedure for Citizen Complaints Regarding Violations of State Election and Voter Registration Laws that update the rule to include legislative changes regarding the possible fines that can be imposed for a violation of election law.

The Board is also proposing a new rule entitled “Rules for Verification of Voter Registration” that sets forth the procedures for the implementation of Act 633’s requirements that voters verify their voter registration with photo identification.

The proposed rules may be viewed at www.arkansas.gov/sbec/rules or copies may be obtained by contacting the Board by email at info.sbec@arkansas.gov, by phone at 800-411-6996 or by written request mailed to: Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners, 501 Woodlane, Suite 401N, Little Rock, AR 72201.

A public hearing will be held on August 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board’s Conference Room located at 501 Woodlane, Suite 401N, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 21, 2017. Comments should be sent by email to info.sbec@arkansas.gov or by mail to: Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners, 501 Woodlane, Suite 401N, Little Rock, AR 72201.