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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1501

5 By: Representative Gazaway  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING WHEN A  
9 PROSECUTION IS COMMENCED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING WHEN A  
12 PROSECUTION IS COMMENCED.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-1-109(f), concerning when a prosecution  
20 is commenced, is amended to read as follows:

21 (f) A prosecution is commenced ~~when an arrest warrant is issued by a~~  
22 ~~judge based on probable cause or an indictment, information, or other~~  
23 ~~charging instrument if the arrest warrant or other process is sought to be~~  
24 ~~executed without unreasonable delay;~~

25 (1) When a person is arrested or issued a citation by a law  
26 enforcement officer based upon probable cause;

27 (2) When an arrest warrant is issued by a judge, provided that  
28 the arrest warrant is sought to be executed without unreasonable delay; or

29 (3) Upon the filing of an indictment, information, or other  
30 charging instrument.  
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33 APPROVED: 4/10/23  
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