

Act 505 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1119

By: Representatives Stewart, Fairchild, McJunkin, Ramsey, Hinshaw

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-416 TO PROVIDE THAT
ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL NOT BE OPENED AND COUNTED PRIOR TO
3 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-416(d) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) It is the intent of this section to permit the judges and clerks for absentee ballots to meet and open the large envelope and make a list in duplicate of the name and voting precinct of each voter casting an absentee ballot, to write on the stub end of the ballot taken from the large envelope the number of the voter taken from the list of voters, and to deposit the small envelope containing the ballot in the ballot box and to deposit the one inch (1") ballot stub ends in another ballot box, prior to the closing of the polls on election day. It is further the specific intent of this section that none of the absentee ballots shall be opened and counted prior to 3 p.m. on election day."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-1-103(27) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(27) No election judge, clerk, poll watcher, or any other person in or out of this state in any primary, general, or special election in this state shall divulge to any person the results of any votes cast for any candidate or on any issue in said election until thirty (30) minutes after the closing of the polls on the day of the election. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any township or precinct in this state in which all of the registered voters therein have voted prior to the closing of the polls in those instances where there are fifteen (15) or fewer registered voters in the precinct or township."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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