

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 471 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1683

5 By: Representative King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-305 PERTAINING TO
10 THE IDENTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED VOTERS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 PERTAINING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF
15 QUALIFIED VOTERS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-305(a) is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Before a person is permitted to vote, the election official shall:

23 (1) Request the voter to identify himself in order to verify the
24 existence of his name on the precinct voter registration list;

25 (2) Request the voter, in the presence of the election official,
26 to state his address and state or confirm his date of birth;

27 (3) Determine that the voter's date of birth and address are the
28 same as those on the precinct voter registration list;

29 (4) If the date of birth given by the voter is not the same as
30 that on the precinct voter registration list, request the voter to provide
31 identification as the election official deems appropriate;

32 (5)(A) If the voter's address is not the same as that on the
33 precinct voter registration list, verify with the county clerk that the
34 address is within the precinct.

35 (B) If the address is within the precinct, request the
36 voter to complete a voter registration application form for the purpose of

1 updating county voter registration record files.

2 (C) If the address is not within the precinct, instruct the
3 voter to contact the county clerk's office to determine the proper precinct;

4 (6) If the voter's name is not the same as that on the precinct
5 voter registration list, request the voter to complete a voter registration
6 application form for purposes of updating county voter registration record
7 files;

8 (7) Request the voter, in the presence of the election official,
9 to sign his name, including his given name, his middle name or initial, if
10 any, and his last name in the space provided on the precinct voter
11 registration list. If a person is unable to sign his signature or make his
12 mark or cross, the election official shall enter his initials and the voter's
13 date of birth in the space for the person's signature on the precinct voter
14 registration list; and

15 (8)(A) Request the voter for purposes of ~~signature verification~~
16 identification to provide a valid driver's license, photo identification card
17 issued by a governmental agency, voter card, social security card, birth
18 certificate, United States passport, employee identification card issued by a
19 governmental agency containing a photograph, employee identification card
20 issued in the normal course of business of the employer, student
21 identification card, Arkansas hunting license, or United States military
22 identification card.

23 (B)(i) If a voter is unable to provide this identification,
24 the election official shall indicate on the precinct voter registration list
25 that the voter did not provide identification.

26 (ii) Following each election, the county board of
27 election commissioners may review the precinct voter registration lists and
28 may provide the information of the voters not providing identification at the
29 polls to the prosecuting attorney.

30 (iii) The prosecuting attorney may investigate
31 possible voter fraud.

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