

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 269 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1112

5 By: Representatives Agee, Pritchard, Biggs, Bledsoe, Haak, C. Johnson,  
6 By: Senators Madison, Whitaker  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REVISE ARKANSAS CODE § 7-5-418  
11 REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR  
12 EARLY VOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 AN ACT REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION  
15 REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY VOTING.  
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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 § 7-5-418 (a) and (b) are amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (a)(1) Early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who  
24 applies to the county clerk's during regular office hours designated  
25 early voting location, beginning fifteen (15) days before an a preferential  
26 primary, general primary, general election, or general run-off election and  
27 ending on the day before election day at the time the county clerk's office  
28 regularly closes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through  
29 Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the  
30 Monday before the election.

31 (2) However, on all other elections, early voting shall be available  
32 to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk during regular  
33 office hours, beginning fifteen (15) days before an election and ending on  
34 the day before the election day at the time the county clerk's office  
35 regularly closes.

36 (b)(1)(A) In any county containing one hundred fifty thousand



1 ~~(150,000) registered voters or more, the~~ The county board of election  
2 commissioners may decide to hold early voting at additional polling sites  
3 outside the offices of the county clerk and to include the additional voting  
4 *locations for a maximum of fifteen (15) days but fewer if it so chooses by a*  
5 *majority vote on any of the days and times provided for in § 7-5-418(a), if*  
6 *they so choose.*

7 (B) The county board shall determine by unanimous vote the  
8 location of additional polling sites for early voting.

9 (C) The county clerk shall publish the location of  
10 additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation  
11 at least five (5) days before early voting begins.

12 (2) The county board shall select the number of election  
13 officials necessary to adequately staff the additional early voting polling  
14 site or sites as in any other election.

15 (3)(A) The county board shall notify the county clerk of its  
16 decision to hold early voting at additional polling sites outside the office  
17 of the county clerk within ten (10) days of the decision.

18 (B) If the county board decides to hold early voting at  
19 additional polling sites outside the office of county clerk, the county clerk  
20 may choose not to hold early voting within the office of the county clerk.  
21 The county clerk shall notify the county board within ten (10) days of the  
22 receipt of notice from the county board regarding early voting at additional  
23 polling sites.

24 (4) The early voting election official shall record the date on  
25 all pages of the early voting roster or early voting request form and keep a  
26 daily record of the number of early ballots cast.

27 ~~(5)(A) The county board may vote to extend the normal hours for~~  
28 ~~voting during early voting.~~

29 ~~(B)~~ The county clerk shall publish the additional hours  
30 for early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites  
31 in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days before early  
32 voting begins.

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34 /s/ Agee

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