

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

Act 273 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1265

5 By: Representative King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 7-5-411
10 CONCERNING METHODS OF VOTING ABSENTEE; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT CONCERNING METHODS OF VOTING
14 ABSENTEE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a)(1) is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (a) Absentee voting may be accomplished in one (1) of the following
23 methods and in no other manner:

24 (1)(A) By ballot cast by mail which must be received in the
25 office of the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not later
26 than 7:30 p.m. on election day. ~~The qualified elector shall personally mail~~
27 ~~his or her ballot, except that an administrator may mail the absentee ballots~~
28 ~~of a long term care or residential care facility's residents in a single~~
29 ~~mailing. A qualified elector who is physically disabled may have another~~
30 ~~person mail the absentee ballot in a single mailing to the county clerk. If~~
31 ~~the ballot is not personally mailed by the qualified elector casting the~~
32 ~~ballot or otherwise mailed pursuant to this section, the ballot shall not be~~
33 ~~counted.~~

34 (B)(i) However, except as provided in subdivision
35 (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, by ballot applied for not later than thirty
36 (30) days before the election by qualified electors outside the United States



1 on election day which are signed, dated, postmarked, and mailed by the voters
2 no later than the day of the election and received by the county clerk no
3 later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the election.

4 (ii) Absentee ballots of uniformed services
5 personnel serving in active status shall be counted if received by the county
6 clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the
7 election and if the absentee ballot was executed no later than the date of
8 the election.

9 (C) Each absentee ballot shall be mailed separately by the
10 voter and shall not be included with any other absentee ballot in a bulk
11 mailing, except that an administrative head of a ~~nursing home~~ long-term care
12 or residential facility or hospital may mail the absentee ballots of the
13 residents and patients by bulk mail. Absentee ballots in any bulk mailing
14 not otherwise permitted in this subsection shall not be counted;

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