

ARKANSAS SENATE
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 403

"AN ACT REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY VOTING."

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 403.

Amend Senate Bill No. 403 as engrossed, S3/10/03:

Page 1, delete lines 19 through 36 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(a) and (b), concerning early voting, is amended to read as follows:

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

(2) Early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk's designated early voting location, beginning eight (8) days before a general primary, general runoff, or any other runoff election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.

(3) However, on all other elections, early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk during regular office hours, beginning fifteen (15) days before a primary or general election or eight (8) days before any runoff election and ending on the day before the election day at the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

(b)(1)(A) In any county containing one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) registered voters or more, the The county board of election commissioners may decide to hold early voting at additional polling sites outside the offices of the county clerk and to include the additional voting locations for a maximum of fifteen (15) days but fewer if it so chooses by a majority vote on any of the days and times provided for in subsection (a) of this section, if they so choose.

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

(C) The county clerk shall publish the location of additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation



at least five (5) days before early voting begins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 35.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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