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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 701

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 701.

Amend Senate Bill No. 701 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102(c) is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) In any election year, if no more than one (1) candidate for school district director presents a petition or notice in writing to the county board of election commissioners as required by § 6-14-111, and if there are no other ballot issues to be submitted to district electors for consideration, the board of directors of any school district, by resolution duly adopted, may request the county board of election commissioners to reduce the number of polling places, or to open no polling places on election day so that the election can be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only.

(2) The county board of election commissioners ~~shall~~ may provide ~~at least one (1) polling place that no polling places be open on election day so that the election can be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only, if no more than one (1) candidate for school district director presents a petition or notice in writing to the county board of election commissioners as required by § 6-14-111, and if there are no other ballot issues to be submitted to district electors for consideration, if requested by resolution adopted by the board of directors of any school district.~~

(3) In a county that uses voting machines or electronic voting, the county board of election commissioners may choose to use paper ballots for the election.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(a) is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The county board of election commissioners is empowered to alter the boundaries of existing election precincts and to establish new ones when, in its judgment, it may be necessary.

(2)(A) The county board shall fix a polling site for each election precinct.

(B) The county board may combine polling sites for two (2) or more precincts when, in its judgment, it may be necessary.

(C) The county board may allow school elections to be conducted by early voting and absentee voting only and open no polling sites



on a school election day in any election year if no more than one (1) candidate for school district director presents a petition or notice in writing to the county board of election commissioners as required by § 6-14-111, and if there are no other ballot issues to be submitted to district electors for consideration, if requested by resolution adopted by the board of directors of any school district.

(3) In changing the boundaries of existing precincts or in creating new ones, the county board shall arrange them so that all qualified voters residing therein may vote on the same day.

(4)(A) The county board shall not have the power to change the boundaries of existing precincts, to create any new precinct, or to change the polling site in any precinct within thirty (30) days of any election, but all elections shall be held at the sites and within the boundaries as they existed thirty (30) days before the date of the election.

(B) In the event of an emergency, a county board may change a precinct boundary or a polling site."

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

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