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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representatives Flanagan, Mahony and Dietz**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1054

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-701 AND ARKANSAS CODE
9 7-7-203 TO POSTPONE THE DATE FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
10 RESULTS TO ALLOW FOR THE RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FROM
11 OVERSEAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-701 AND ARKANSAS CODE 7-7-203
15 TO POSTPONE THE DATE FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS
16 TO ALLOW FOR THE RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FROM
17 OVERSEAS."

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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 §7-5-701(a) is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "(a) As soon as the returns from all the precincts are received, but in
24 no event earlier than the *tenth (10th)* calendar day after the election, the
25 county board of election commissioners from the certificates and ballots
26 received from the several precincts shall proceed to ascertain and declare the
27 result of the election. The board, within *fourteen (14)* calendar days after
28 the day of the election, shall deliver a certificate of election to any person
29 having the highest numbers of legal votes for any county office."

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §7-7-203(h) is hereby amended to read as
32 follows:

33 "(h) The county committee shall convene, at the time specified in the
34 notice to the members given by the secretary of the county committee, no
35 *earlier than ten (10) calendar days and no later than fourteen (14) calendar*

1 days after each primary election for the purpose of canvassing the returns and
2 certifying the election results. If no time is specified for the meeting of
3 the county committee, the meeting shall be at 5:00 p.m."

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5 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary all runoff
6 elections after the effective date of this act shall occur three (3) weeks
7 after the election which necessitates the runoff election.

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9 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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13 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.

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19 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.

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/s/P. Flanagan, et al

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