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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-311 PERTAINING TO
10 THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR DISABLED VOTERS AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

14 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-311
15 PERTAINING TO THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR
16 DISABLED VOTERS. "

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-311(a) is amended to read as follows:

22 "(a) The county boards of election commissioners ~~and the county~~
23 ~~committees of the respective political parties~~ with respect to general,
24 special, and primary elections under their several jurisdictions shall provide
25 voting locations which are accessible to disabled voters and shall provide
26 reasonable and adequate methods whereby disabled voters may personally and
27 secretly execute their ballots at the polling places. "

29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-5-311(e) is amended to read as follows:

30 "(e)(1) The county board of election commissioners shall be responsible
31 for compliance with this section and with Public Law 98-435 and Title II of
32 Public Law 101-336, the Americans with Disabilities Act, regarding the
33 accessibility of voting locations for disabled voters, ~~except that county~~
34 ~~political parties shall be responsible for compliance with this section and~~
35 ~~with Public Law 98-435 for primary elections.~~

36 (2) The Secretary of State shall provide the chairman of each

1 county board of election commissioners and the chairman of each county
2 political party a copy of this section and Public Law 98-435.

3 (3) The Secretary of State shall send the copies by certified
4 mail."

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6 SECTION 3. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
12 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
14 Act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
17 hereby repealed.