

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

HOUSE BILL 1027

5 By: Representative Bledsoe
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
10 COMMISSIONERS TO NOTIFY THE VOTER OF A CHALLENGED
11 BALLOT OF THE REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO NOTIFY THE
16 VOTER OF A CHALLENGED BALLOT OF THE
17 REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(c), regarding a challenge of a
24 voter's ballot by poll watchers, candidates, or designees, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (c)(1) The county board shall, prior to certification of the results
27 of the election, determine whether the challenged ballots are valid.

28 (2) The county board shall state in writing the reasons it
29 declined to count any challenged ballot, and shall notify any voter whose
30 challenged ballot is not counted of the reason that the vote was not counted.
31 The notification shall be by regular mail, within five (5) business days of
32 the commission's determination that the vote should not be counted.

33 (3) If, upon examination of any challenged ballots, the county
34 suspects that a violation of the election laws has occurred, the county board
35 may refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-417(d), regarding challenging absentee
2 votes, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (d) The county board shall state in writing the reasons it declined to
4 count any challenged ballot, and shall notify any voter whose challenged
5 ballot is not counted of the reason that the vote was not counted. The
6 notification shall be by regular mail, within five (5) business days of the
7 commission's determination that the vote should not be counted.

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