

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1305

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5 By: Representative King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS A
10 DESIGNATED BEARER MAY PICK UP FOR ANOTHER VOTER
11 AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS A DESIGNATED BEARER MAY
12 DELIVER TO THE COUNTY CLERK PER ELECTION; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS A
17 DESIGNATED BEARER MAY PICK UP FOR
18 ANOTHER VOTER AND THE NUMBER OF BALLOTS
19 A DESIGNATED BEARER MAY DELIVER TO THE
20 COUNTY CLERK.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-409(c), concerning materials furnished
26 to qualified voters, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c)(1) Except for absentee ballots mailed to an address outside the
28 county in which the applicant is registered, an absentee ballot shall be
29 mailed to the address that appears on the applicant's registration record or
30 absentee ballot application if the voter is temporarily at a different
31 address.

32 (2) The county clerk shall not mail more than ~~five (5)~~ two (2)
33 absentee ballots to the same address unless:

34 (A) The address is outside the territorial limits of the
35 United States and the District of Columbia;

36 (B) The address is for a long-term care or residential



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1 care facility licensed by the state;

2 (C) There are more than five (5) persons lawfully
 3 registered at the same address.

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 5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-409 (f)-(h), concerning materials
 6 furnished to qualified voters, is amended to read as follows:

7 (f) The county clerk shall not provide more than ~~five (5) absentee~~
 8 ~~ballots~~ two (2) absentee ballots per election to any designated bearer, nor
 9 shall the county clerk accept delivery of more than ~~five (5) absentee ballots~~
 10 two (2) absentee ballots per election from any designated bearer.

11 (g) The county clerk shall not deliver in person or by any other means
 12 of transmittal more than ~~five (5) absentee ballots~~ two (2) absentee ballots
 13 per election to the individual authorized to receive the absentee ballots
 14 unless+

15 ~~(1) There~~ there are more than five (5) persons lawfully
 16 registered at the same address as the individual obtaining the absentee
 17 ballots, in which case the individual may only receive the same number of
 18 absentee ballots as persons lawfully registered at the same address; ~~or.~~

19 ~~(2) There are more than five (5) persons lawfully registered at~~
 20 ~~the address for which the designated bearer or authorized agent is obtaining~~
 21 ~~the absentee ballots, in which case the designated bearer may only receive~~
 22 ~~the same number of absentee ballots as persons lawfully registered at the~~
 23 ~~same address.~~

24 (h) A designated bearer shall only be allowed to pick up ~~five (5)~~ two
 25 (2) absentee ballots from the county clerk per election and shall only be
 26 allowed to do so during the fifteen (15) days prior to a preferential or
 27 general election and seven (7) days prior to a general primary election.

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 29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a)(2), concerning methods of voting
 30 absentee, is amended to read as follows:

31 (2)(A) By delivery of the ballot to the county clerk of the
 32 county of residence of the voter not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day by
 33 a relative of the voter, the designated bearer, or the authorized agent of
 34 the absentee voter who is medically unable to vote at the regular polling
 35 site upon proper verification of the signature of the voter by the county
 36 clerk and validation of the identity of the authorized agent.

1 (B)(i) The designated bearer, authorized agent, or
2 relative shall sign documentation upon delivery of absentee ballots to the
3 county clerk.

4 (ii) However, no person may deliver absentee ballots
5 to the clerk's office for more than ~~five (5)~~ two (2) persons; or

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