

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 1487

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5 By: Representatives P. Bookout, Bledsoe

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS  
10 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS AS POLL  
11 WORKERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE  
15 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION  
16 PROCESS AS POLL WORKERS.

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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 Title 7, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 7-4-117. Election poll workers program for college students.

24 (a)(1) The county board of election commissioners may conduct an  
25 election day program for college students in one (1) or more polling places  
26 designated by the county board.

27 (2)(A) The college students shall be selected by the county  
28 board from any two (2) year or four (4) year college or universities in the  
29 state.

30 (B) The county board shall work in cooperation with the  
31 student government associations of the colleges and university in selecting  
32 the students for the program and conducting seminars concerning election  
33 procedures for students interested in the program.

34 (3)(A) A college school student selected for this program who  
35 has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday by the election day in which  
36 he or she is participating, shall be called an election page.



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1                   (B) A college student selected for this program who has  
 2 reached his or her eighteenth birthday by the election day in which he or she  
 3 is participating and meets the qualifications in § 7-4-109, shall be an  
 4 election official.

5           (b) The program shall:

6                   (1) Be designed to stimulate the student's interest in elections  
 7 and in registering to vote;

8                   (2) Provide assistance to the officers of election; and

9                   (3) Assist in the safe entry and exit of elderly and disabled  
 10 voters from the polling place.

11           (c)(1) Each student selected as an election page shall:

12                   (A) Serve under the direct supervision of the election  
 13 officials at his or her assigned polling place; and

14                   (B) Observe strict impartiality at all times.

15                   (2) An election page may observe the electoral process and seek  
 16 information from the election officers, but shall not handle or touch  
 17 ballots, voting machines, or any other official election materials, or enter  
 18 any voting booth.

19                   (3) An election page shall be a volunteer position and shall not  
 20 receive any compensation for performing his or her duties.

21                   (4) Before beginning any duties, an election page shall take,  
 22 before an election official, the following oath:

23                   "I,....., do swear that I will perform the duties of an election page  
 24 of this election according to law and to the best of my abilities, and that I  
 25 will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and abuse, and that I will  
 26 not disclose how any voter shall have voted, unless required to do so as a  
 27 witness in a judicial proceeding or a proceeding to contest an election."

28           (d)(1) Each student selected to be an election official shall:

29                   (A) Take the oath of the election officials in § 7-4-110;

30                   (B) Serve under the supervision of the appropriate county  
 31 board of election commissioners; and

32                   (C) Observe strict impartiality at all times;

33                   (2) A college student selected to be an election official shall  
 34 be compensated according to § 7-4-112.

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