

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 403

5 By: Senators Broadway, Faris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS
10 FOR EARLY VOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION
13 REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY VOTING.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(a) and (b), concerning early*
20 *voting, is amended to read as follows:*

21 *(a)(1) Early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who*
22 *applies to the county ~~clerk~~ clerk's ~~during regular office hours~~ designated*
23 *early voting location, beginning fifteen (15) days before ~~an~~ a preferential*
24 *primary or general election ~~and ending on the day before election day at the~~*
25 *~~time the county clerk's office regularly closes~~ between the hours of 8:00*
26 *a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
27 *Saturday, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.*

28 *(2) Early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who*
29 *applies to the county clerk's designated early voting location, beginning*
30 *eight (8) days before a general primary, general runoff, or any other runoff*
31 *election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m., Monday through Friday,*
32 *and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday*
33 *before the election.*

34 *(3) However, on all other elections, early voting shall be*
35 *available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk during*
36 *regular office hours, beginning fifteen (15) days before a primary or general*



1 election or eight (8) days before any runoff election and ending on the day
2 before the election day at the time the county clerk's office regularly
3 closes.

4 (b)(1)(A) ~~In any county containing one hundred fifty thousand~~
5 ~~(150,000) registered voters or more, the~~ The county board of election
6 commissioners may decide to hold early voting at additional polling sites
7 outside the offices of the county clerk and to include the additional voting
8 locations ~~for a maximum of fifteen (15) days but fewer if it so chooses by a~~
9 ~~majority vote~~ on any of the days and times provided for in subsection (a) of
10 this section, if they so choose.

11 (B) The county board shall determine by unanimous vote the
12 location of additional polling sites for early voting.

13 (C) The county clerk shall publish the location of
14 additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation
15 at least five (5) days before early voting begins.

16 (2) The county board shall select the number of election
17 officials necessary to adequately staff the additional early voting polling
18 site or sites as in any other election.

19 (3)(A) The county board shall notify the county clerk of its
20 decision to hold early voting at additional polling sites outside the office
21 of the county clerk within ten (10) days of the decision.

22 (B) If the county board decides to hold early voting at
23 additional polling sites outside the office of county clerk, the county clerk
24 may choose not to hold early voting within the office of the county clerk.
25 The county clerk shall notify the county board within ten (10) days of the
26 receipt of notice from the county board regarding early voting at additional
27 polling sites.

28 (4) The early voting election official shall record the date on
29 all pages of the early voting roster or early voting request form and keep a
30 daily record of the number of early ballots cast.

31 ~~(5)(A) The county board may vote to extend the normal hours for~~
32 ~~voting during early voting.~~

33 ~~(B)~~ The county clerk shall publish the additional hours
34 for early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites
35 in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days before early
36 voting begins.

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