

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

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10 Rye, Schulz, Steimel, Tosh, Underwood, Vaught, Womack, Wooldridge, Wooten  
11 By: Senators K. Hammer, Dees, M. McKee, J. Petty, Stone

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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14 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
15 OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES;  
16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR  
17 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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21 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE  
22 BALLOTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF  
23 THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
24 CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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

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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a)(1), concerning the methods of  
30 absentee voting for qualified electors outside the United States, is amended  
31 to read as follows:

32 (1)(A) By delivery of the ballot by mail that must be received  
33 in the office of the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not  
34 later than 7:30 p.m. on election day.

35 (B)(i) However, except as provided in subdivision  
36 (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, by ballots ~~applied for not later than thirty~~



1 ~~(30) days before the election by~~ of qualified electors outside the United  
2 States on election day that are signed, ~~dated,~~ postmarked, and mailed by the  
3 voters no later than the day of the election and received by the county clerk  
4 no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the  
5 election.

6 (ii) The absentee ballots of armed services  
7 personnel serving in active status shall be counted if received by the county  
8 clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the  
9 election and if the absentee ballots were executed no later than the date of  
10 the election.

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