

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Bush**

A Bill

ACT 1120 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1898

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-311 PERTAINING TO ASSISTING VOTERS IN CASTING THEIR BALLOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-311 PERTAINING TO ASSISTING VOTERS IN CASTING THEIR BALLOT."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-311(c) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) All rules, regulations, and procedures authorized by the State Board of Election Commissioners to enable disabled persons to vote shall be designed to permit the voter to personally and secretly execute his ballot without the assistance of a third party unless third-party assistance is requested by the disabled voter. When any qualified elector notifies an election official at the voting precinct that he or she is unable to read the ballot, the election official shall cause the entire ballot to be read to the voter, *unless the voter instructs otherwise. The election official shall then assist the voter without comment or interpretation in marking the ballot. If the voter designates a person to assist, the election official shall allow that person to assist the voter and the person designated shall read the entire ballot to the voter, unless the voter instructs otherwise, and then assist the voter without comment or interpretation in marking the ballot.*"

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/Rep. Bush

APPROVED: 4-10-95

