

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

# A Bill

**ACT 774 OF 1995**  
**SENATE BILL 714**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-501 (e) TO PROVIDE THAT  
9 THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE A  
10 CHANGE IN VOTING METHODS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSE."

## Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD  
16 OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE  
17 A CHANGE IN VOTING METHODS UNDER CERTAIN  
18 CIRCUMSTANCES."

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-501 (e) is amended to read as follows:

24 "(e) (1) In municipalities or counties which acquired voting machines or  
25 electronic voting systems, or which voted to do so before April 6, 1979,  
26 nothing in this section and §§ 7-5-604 and 7-5-605 or present laws shall  
27 prohibit such municipalities or counties from using any method of voting  
28 authorized by law, whether singly or in combination with any other authorized  
29 voting method. However, except as authorized under subdivision (e) (2), no  
30 municipality or county shall implement the method of voting and vote counting  
31 which was in use prior to the election that authorized voting machines or  
32 electronic voting systems without an election authorizing such a change.

33 (2) The county board of election commissioners may authorize the  
34 use of an alternate method of voting if the board determines that the voting  
35 machines or electronic voting system currently in use is likely to malfunction  
36 or cause questionable results due to the operational limits of the machines or

1 system."

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

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

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

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