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1   State of Arkansas

2   87th General Assembly

A Bill

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5   By: Representative Pierce

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL

10   ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE

11   TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL

12   LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER

13   PURPOSES.

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15   **Subtitle**

16   CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL

17   ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS

18   WHO ARE TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE

19   TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

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24   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-406(c), concerning voting by members of

25   uniformed services and other citizens ~~residing~~ outside the United States, is

26   amended to read as follows:

27   (c)(1)_(A)_ ~~For~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this

28   section, for the qualified electors in the categories named in subsection (a)

29   of this section who are temporarily ~~residing~~ outside the territorial limits

30   of the United States, the county board of election commissioners shall

31   prepare a special absentee ballot for each preferential primary and general

32   election to be sent to the voter in addition to the regular absentee ballot.

33   _(B)   The county board of election commissioners shall not_

34   _prepare a special absentee ballot for a nonpartisan judicial election._

35   (2)(A) The special absentee ballot shall contain a list of all

1 offices contested by three (3) or more candidates and the candidates
2 qualifying for the election in each office.
3   (B) The special absentee ballot shall permit the elector
4 to vote in the general primary election or in a general runoff election by
5 indicating his or her order of preference for each candidate for each office.
6   (C)(i) To indicate his or her order of preference for each
7 candidate for each office, the voter shall put the number one (1) next to the
8 name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the number two (2) for
9 the voter's second choice, and so forth, so that, in consecutive numerical
10 order, a number indicating the voter's preference is written by the voter
11 next to the candidate's name on the ballot.
12   (ii) However, the voter shall not be required to
13 indicate his or her preference for more than one (1) candidate on the ballot
14 if he or she chooses.
15   (3) The special absentee ballot shall be marked as a "special
16 runoff ballot".
17   (4) Instructions shall be sent with the special absentee ballot
18 to the qualified voter explaining the instant runoff voting process.
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20   **APPROVED: 3/31/2009**
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