Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

**Act 621 of the Regular Session**

**State of Arkansas**
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**By: Representative J. Williams**

**A Bill**

**HOUSE BILL 1792**

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY AND STORAGE OF BALLOT STUBS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Subtitle**

**TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY AND STORAGE OF BALLOT STUBS.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 7-5-317(a)(5), concerning processing and delivery of election materials, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Sealed stub boxes shall be delivered to the **county treasurer** or to the **county board of election commissioners** for storage.

**SECTION 2.** Arkansas Code § 7-5-317(b), concerning processing and delivery of election materials, is amended to read as follows:

(b) All of the election materials, stub boxes, and returns shall be delivered to the county board of election commissioners or to the county treasurer, in the case of the stub boxes, by the poll workers immediately after the polls close.

**SECTION 3.** The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 7-5-702(a), concerning the preservation of ballots, stubs, certificates, and other election materials, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After the election has been finally certified by the county board of election commissioners, the county board of election commissioners shall retain the custody of and safely keep in a sealed container appropriately
marked in a secure location in the county courthouse or other county storage facility all ballots, ballot stubs, and certificates returned to it from the several precincts for a period of twenty (20) days, after which time the ballots and certificates shall be stored in a secure location in the county courthouse or other county storage facility for a period of two (2) years from the date of the election, unless the county board of election commissioners shall be sooner notified in writing that:

/s/J. Williams

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