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

Act 727 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
As Engrossed:  S3/22/21
A Bill  
SENATE BILL 488


For An Act To Be Entitled 
AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND VOTED BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle 
TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND VOTED BALLOTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b), concerning the examination and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(27)(A) Ballots, other than sample ballots, unless otherwise ordered by a court of law;
(B) Subdivision (b)(27)(A) of this section does not apply to a poll watcher during an election, who shall be allowed to inspect a voter statement and ballot while ensuring the secrecy of the vote is maintained and subject to reasonable restrictions prescribed by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

/s/K. Hammer

APPROVED: 4/15/21