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SENATE BILL 557

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF
MEMBERS OF A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS;
TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES DESIGNATED
AS ELECTION OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE
DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF A COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND TO CLARIFY
THE DUTIES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES DESIGNATED
AS ELECTION OFFICIALS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-107(a), concerning the duties of a
county board of election commissioners, is amended to add an additional
subdivision to read as follows:
(6)(A) Supervise all election officials.
(B) The supervision of election officials may be delegated
by an affirmative vote of a quorum of all members of the county board of
election commissioners.
SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-4-122. County employees detailed as election official.

(a) A county employee detailed as an election official shall comply with directives of the county board of election commissioners in matters related to an election.

(b) A county board of election commissioners may assign to other election officials the supervision of election officials by an affirmative vote of a quorum of all members of the county board of election commissioners.

(d) A county board of election commissioners may not change a duty delegated to a county employee if that duty is expressly governed by state or federal law.

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