Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 766 of the Regular Session

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2	2 95th General Assembly A	Bill	
3	3 Regular Session, 2025	SENATE BILL 578	
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8	8 For An Act	Го Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EARLY VOTING; TO		
10	ALLOW A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO		
11	CLOSE CERTAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS DURING INCLEMENT		
12	WEATHER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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17	7 VOTING; AND TO ALLOW	A COUNTY BOARD OF	
18	8 ELECTION COMMISSIONER	S TO CLOSE CERTAIN	
19	9 EARLY VOTING LOCATION	IS DURING INCLEMENT	
20	20 WEATHER.		
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22	22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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24	24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-	418, concerning early voting locations,	
25	is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:		
26	26 <u>(h)(l) Except as provided in su</u>	bdivision (h)(3) of this section, the	
27	27 <u>county board of election commissioners</u>	may call an emergency meeting held in	
28	28 person or by electronic means to close	one (1) or more early voting locations	
29	29 for one (1) or more days due to inclem	ent weather.	
30	30 (2) An emergency meeting	called under subdivision (h)(l) of this	
31	31 <u>section shall require a unanimous vote</u>	by the county board of election	
32	2 <u>commissioners to close an early voting</u>	commissioners to close an early voting location.	
33	(3) The county board of election commissioners shall not close		
34	at least one (1) early voting location	in the county seat that shall remain	
35	open every day that is designated for	early voting.	
36	66 <u>(4) As used in this subse</u>	ction, "county seat" means the same as	



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