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A Bill

SENATE BILL 487

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For An Act To Be Entitled

13 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ALTERATION OF
14 PRECINCT BOUNDARIES, POLLING SITES, AND VOTE CENTERS;
15 TO AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(40), concerning the definition of
30 "vote center", is amended to read as follows:

31 (40) "Vote center" means an election day location designated by
32 the ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election commissioners at which a
33 qualified elector from any precinct in the county holding the election may
34 vote;
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(e)(1)(A) and (B), concerning the



1 establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote
2 centers, are amended to read as follows:

3 (e)(1)(A) Before establishing one (1) or more vote centers in the
4 county under § 7-1-113, ~~the county clerk~~ the county board of election
5 commissioners shall certify to the Secretary of State and the county quorum
6 court that the county has a secure electronic connection sufficient to
7 prevent:

- 8 (i) An elector from voting more than once; ~~and~~
- 9 (ii) Unauthorized access to ~~a computerized~~
10 ~~registration book maintained by the county clerk~~ an electronic pollbook;
- 11 (iii) Unauthorized access to the voter registration
12 database; and
- 13 (iv) Unauthorized access to voting equipment and
14 voter materials.

15 (B) If the ~~county clerk~~ county board of election
16 commissioners has certified to the county quorum court a determination of
17 sufficiency under subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section, the county may adopt
18 an ordinance to establish vote centers for elections.

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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(e)(2)(A) and (B), concerning the
21 establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote
22 centers, are amended to read as follows:

23 (2)(A) Except for school elections under § 6-14-106, a vote
24 center location for each election shall be the same as that established for
25 the immediately preceding general election unless changed by order of the
26 ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election commissioners.

27 (B) The ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election
28 commissioners shall not change a vote center location for any precinct less
29 than thirty (30) days before an election except in the event of an emergency.

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32 **APPROVED: 4/15/21**