

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1615**

TO AMEND ELECTION PROCEDURES; TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS;  
TO AMEND THE LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1615**

Amend House Bill No. 1615 as engrossed H4/1/21 (version: 04/01/2021 11:27:21 AM):  
Page 1, delete line 27, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-101(f), concerning the members, officers, meetings, and duties of the State Board of Election Commissioners, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(15) Consider an appeal filed to challenge a reduction in the number of polling sites in a county by a county board of election commissioners under § 7-5-101; and

(16) Formulate, adopt, and promulgate rules for governing the appeal of a county board of election commissioners' reduction in the number of polling sites in a county under § 7-5-101.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-4-109(a), concerning qualifications of"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 17

AND

Page 2, delete lines 20 through 25, and substitute the following:  
"election commissioners present.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(d)(2), concerning the establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than ~~thirty (30)~~ sixty (60) days before ~~an~~ a preferential primary election or general election, except in the event of an emergency.

(B) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than thirty (30) days before an



election other than a preferential primary or general election, except in the event of an emergency.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(d), concerning the establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4)(A) If the county board of election commissioners reduces the total number of polling sites available in the county in a preferential primary election or a general election, a qualified elector of the county may appeal the decision to close the polling site that adversely affects the qualified elector's ability to cast a ballot to the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(B) An appeal made to the State Board of Election Commissioners shall:

(i) Be filed in writing within seven (7) days of the vote of the county board of election commissioners to reduce the number of polling sites available in the county;

(ii) Describe clearly the polling site that was closed;

(iii) Describe the reason the closure of the polling site in question adversely affects the election process; and

(iv) Be signed by the appellant under penalty of perjury.

(C) When a timely and sufficient appeal is filed under this subsection, the State Board of Election Commissioners shall determine if the reduction in polling sites is permissible in a timely fashion and shall issue an order resolving the appeal no less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election.

(D) An order by the State Board of Election Commissioners prohibiting a reduction in polling sites under this subsection shall be effective for the remainder of the term of the county board of election commissioners whose actions were appealed."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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