

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1879

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5 By: Representative Pierce
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF A SPECIAL
10 ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE
11 TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL
12 LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-406(c), concerning voting by members of
25 uniformed services and other citizens ~~residing~~ outside the United States, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (c)(1)(A) ~~For~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this
28 section, for the qualified electors in the categories named in subsection (a)
29 of this section who are temporarily ~~residing~~ outside the territorial limits
30 of the United States, the county board of election commissioners shall
31 prepare a special absentee ballot for each preferential primary and general
32 election to be sent to the voter in addition to the regular absentee ballot.

33 (B) The county board of election commissioners shall not
34 prepare a special absentee ballot for a nonpartisan judicial election.

35 (2)(A) The special absentee ballot shall contain a list of all
36 offices contested by three (3) or more candidates and the candidates



1 qualifying for the election in each office.

2 (B) The special absentee ballot shall permit the elector
3 to vote in the general primary election or in a general runoff election by
4 indicating his or her order of preference for each candidate for each office.

5 (C)(i) To indicate his or her order of preference for each
6 candidate for each office, the voter shall put the number one (1) next to the
7 name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the number two (2) for
8 the voter's second choice, and so forth, so that, in consecutive numerical
9 order, a number indicating the voter's preference is written by the voter
10 next to the candidate's name on the ballot.

11 (ii) However, the voter shall not be required to
12 indicate his or her preference for more than one (1) candidate on the ballot
13 if he or she chooses.

14 (3) The special absentee ballot shall be marked as a "special
15 runoff ballot".

16 (4) Instructions shall be sent with the special absentee ballot
17 to the qualified voter explaining the instant runoff voting process.

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