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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1283

5 By: Representatives House, *D. Altes, J. Burris, Davis, Gillam, Gossage, Kerr, Lea, Leding, Nickels,*
6 *Sabin, Slinkard, Wardlaw*

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT A LAST VOTE; TO ALLOW A VOTE CAST
10 BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE THE DEATH OF A VOTER TO BE
11 COUNTED; TO REPEAL A PORTION OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT
12 LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 CAST BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE THE DEATH
18 OF A VOTER TO BE COUNTED; AND TO REPEAL A
19 PORTION OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW.

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

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-416(c), concerning the death of a voter
25 after the absentee ballot is cast but before it is counted, is repealed.

26 *(c) If any person casting an absentee ballot dies before the polls*
27 *open on election day, his or her vote shall ~~not be counted,~~ be accepted by*
28 *the county clerk if the absentee ballot is:*

29 *(1) Signed, dated, postmarked, and mailed before the date of*
30 *death;*

31 *(2) Signed, dated, and delivered to the county clerk by a*
32 *designated bearer, authorized agent, or administrator before the date of*
33 *death; or*

34 *(3) The ballot of a member of the armed services in active duty*
35 *is executed before the date of death.*



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