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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1151

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT REGISTERED VOTERS BE NOTIFIED  
10 BY MAIL OF THE DATES FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS;  
11 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SPECIAL ELECTIONS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER 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 Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 7-5-213. Notice of special election.

27 (a)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (a)(2) of this section,  
28 the county clerk shall mail notice of a special election to the registered  
29 voters in the county who are eligible to vote in the special election no less  
30 than fifteen (15) days before the date of the special election and no more  
31 than thirty (30) days before the date of the special election.

32 (2) Notice under this section is not required if the special  
33 election is:

34 (A) To fill a vacancy; or

35 (B) Called by petition.

36 (b) The notice shall state:



- 1           (1) The date of the special election;
- 2           (2) The hours of voting on the special election day;
- 3           (3) If early voting locations will be opened, the places and  
 4 times for early voting;
- 5           (4) The locations of polling sites for holding the special  
 6 election in the county; and
- 7           (5) The candidates and offices to be elected at that time, if  
 8 any.

9           (c) In addition to the notice in subdivision (a)(1) of this section,  
 10 the county clerk shall post and make available the following information on  
 11 the official website of the county clerk:

- 12           (1) The full text of all measures on the ballot, if any;
- 13           (2) The time and location of the opening, processing,  
 14 canvassing, and counting of ballots;
- 15           (3) A sample ballot;
- 16           (4) Instructions on how to vote;
- 17           (5) General information on voting rights under applicable  
 18 federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual  
 19 to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the  
 20 appropriate officials if any of these rights are alleged to have been  
 21 violated; and
- 22           (6) General information on federal and state laws regarding  
 23 prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation.

24           (d) Expenses of the notice of special elections under this section  
 25 shall be paid by the entity that sponsors the special election.

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 27           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-11-303 is amended to read as follows:  
 28           7-11-303. Notice.

29           In addition to the publication of the calling document, notice of  
 30 special elections under this chapter shall be published and posted under §§  
 31 7-5-202 ~~and~~, 7-5-206, and 7-5-213.