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A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

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9 Evans, L. Fite, Gazaway, Gonzales, Haak, Hawks, Hollowell, Ladyman, Lundstrum, Maddox, McCollum,
10 McGrew, McNair, S. Meeks, Payton, Penzo, Pilkington, Richmond, Rye, B. Smith, S. Smith, Speaks,
11 Vaught, Warren, Watson, Wing
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For An Act To Be Entitled

13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
14 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND
15 COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW
16 CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND
17 VOTED BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b), concerning the examination
33 and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,
34 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

35 (27)(A) Voted ballots for copying purposes until (30) days after
36 certification of an election by a county board of election commissioners



1 unless otherwise ordered by a court of law;

2 (B) Subdivision (b)(27)(A) of this section does not apply
3 to a poll watcher during an election, who shall be allowed to inspect a voter
4 statement while ensuring the secrecy of the vote is maintained and subject to
5 reasonable restrictions prescribed by the State Board of Election
6 Commissioners.

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