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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1325

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5 By: Representatives A. Collins, *McAlindon*

6 By: Senator J. Dotson

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE HOURS EARLY VOTING IS
10 AVAILABLE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EARLY VOTING;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

15 TO STANDARDIZE THE HOURS EARLY VOTING IS
16 AVAILABLE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
17 CONCERNING EARLY VOTING.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(b)(1), concerning early voting, is
23 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

24 (b)(1)(A) The county board of election commissioners may decide to
25 hold early voting at additional polling sites outside the offices of the
26 county clerk on any of the days ~~and times~~ provided for in subsection (a) of
27 this section, if it so chooses.

28 (B) The county board of election commissioners shall
29 determine by unanimous vote the location of additional polling sites for
30 early voting.

31 (C) If the county board of election commissioners decides
32 to hold early voting at an additional polling site on one (1) or more days
33 under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section, the hours the additional early
34 voting polling site is open on such day or days shall be the same hours as
35 the county clerk's designated early voting location under subdivision
36 (a)(1)(A) of this section for such day or days.



1 (D) If the county board of election commissioners is
2 unable to secure one (1) or more additional polling sites for early voting on
3 one (1) or more days under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section that will
4 allow voting to occur during the same hours of the county clerk's designated
5 early voting location under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section for such
6 day or days, the hours the additional early voting polling site is open on
7 such day or days shall be as close to the hours of the county clerk's
8 designated early voting location as possible.

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10 /s/A. Collins

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