For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE METHOD OF VOTING ABSENTEE; TO
PROHIBIT THE USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOXES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
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AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ABSENTEE
BALLOT DROP BOXES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101, concerning definitions under
election law, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:
(44)(A) "Drop box" means:
(i) A receptacle, box, or other physical structure
used to receive absentee ballots; and
(ii) That is available for public use.
(B) "Drop box" does not include a receptacle, box, or
other physical structure that is provided by or used by a mail carrier
authorized to receive or deliver absentee ballots under law.
Section 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a), concerning the methods of voting absentee, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(5)(A) A county clerk, public employee, or election official shall not establish or use a drop box for the purpose of collecting absentee ballots.

(B) No person shall deliver an absentee ballot through a drop box.

(6) All absentee ballots not delivered by mail shall be hand-delivered inside the physical office of the county clerk under the requirements of this section and chapter.

/s/Dees

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