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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

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11 By: Senators K. Hammer, Dees, M. McKee, J. Petty, Stone

For An Act To Be Entitled

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13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS
14 OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES;
15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR
16 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

20 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE
21 BALLOTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF
22 THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
23 CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a)(1), concerning the methods of
30 absentee voting for qualified electors outside the United States, is amended
31 to read as follows:

32 (1)(A) By delivery of the ballot by mail that must be received
33 in the office of the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not
34 later than 7:30 p.m. on election day.

35 (B)(i) However, except as provided in subdivision
36 (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, by ballots ~~applied for not later than thirty~~



1 ~~(30) days before the election by~~ of qualified electors outside the United
2 States on election day that are signed, ~~dated,~~ postmarked, and mailed by the
3 voters no later than the day of the election and received by the county clerk
4 no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the
5 election.

6 (ii) The absentee ballots of armed services
7 personnel serving in active status shall be counted if received by the county
8 clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the
9 election and if the absentee ballots were executed no later than the date of
10 the election.

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