

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 202

"CLARIFYING ARKANSAS LAWS CONCERNING BALLOT BEARERS, AUTHORIZED
AGENTS, AND ADMINISTRATORS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 202.

Amend Senate Bill No. 202 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Edwards as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "residential" and substitute "residential care"

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Page 2, line 33, delete "residential" and substitute "residential care"

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Page 2, line 34, delete "residential" and substitute "residential care"

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Page 3, line 27, delete "residential" and substitute "residential care"

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Page 4, line 5, delete "residential" and substitute "residential care"

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Page 4, delete line 9 and substitute the following:

"ballot and voter statement to deliver their absentee ballot.

(e) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement on an affidavit required by this section shall be guilty of perjury and subject to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment of upon to ten (10) years."

AND

Page 8, delete lines 26 through 36 and substitute the following:



"SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411 is amended to read as follows:
7-5-411. Methods of voting absentee.

(a) Absentee voting may be accomplished in one (1) of the following methods and in no other manner:

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

(B)(i) However, except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, by ballot applied for not later than thirty (30) days before the election by qualified electors outside the United States on election day which are signed, dated, postmarked, and mailed by the voters no later than the day of the election and received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the election.

(ii) Absentee ballots of uniformed services personnel serving in active status shall be counted if received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the election and if the absentee ballot was executed no later than the date of the election.

(C) Each absentee ballot shall be mailed separately by the voter and shall not be included with any other absentee ballot in a bulk mailing, except that an administrative head of a long-term care or residential facility or hospital may mail the absentee ballots of the residents and patients by bulk mail. Absentee ballots in any bulk mailing not otherwise permitted in this subsection shall not be counted;

~~(2)(A) By delivery of the ballot to the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day by the designated bearer, administrator, or the authorized agent of the absentee voter who is medically unable to vote at the regular polling site, upon proper verification of the signature of the voter by the county clerk and validation of the identity of the authorized agent.~~

~~(B)(i) The designated bearer, administrator, or authorized agent shall sign documentation upon delivery of absentee ballots to the county clerk.~~

~~(ii) However, no person may deliver absentee ballots to the clerk's office for more than two (2) persons; or~~

(3) The voter may deliver the ballot to the county clerk of the county of his or her residence not later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

~~(b) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement on an affidavit required by this section shall be guilty of perjury and subject to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment for up to ten (10) years.~~

~~(c)(b)~~ Any person who receives an absentee ballot according to the precinct voter registration list but who elects to vote by early voting or to vote at his or her polling site on election day shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot."

AND

Page 9, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Appropriately renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Edwards

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