

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1601**

TO CREATE A LICENSE FOR A PAID CANVASSER; AND TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CANVASSERS AND FOR THE LICENSING OF PAID CANVASSERS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1601**

Amend House Bill No. 1601 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 13, and substitute the following:

"CONCERNING PAID CANVASSERS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CREATE A LICENSE FOR A PAID  
CANVASSER; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR A TRAINING  
PROGRAM FOR CANVASSERS AND FOR THE  
LICENSING OF PAID CANVASSERS; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 11, delete line 24, and substitute the following:

"(4) A violation under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor."

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. Severability.

(a) All provisions of this act, including all sections, subsections, and subdivisions, are severable and if any portion of this act is declared invalid for any reason, then all remaining sections, subsections, and subdivisions of this act shall remain in full effect.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the sections, subsections, and subdivisions of this act are severable, notwithstanding whether the act, section, sections, subsection, subsections, subdivision, or subdivisions at issue are:

(1) Meant to accomplish a single purpose;



- (2) Interrelated; or
- (3) Dependent upon each other.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that petition canvassers in the State of Arkansas have been submitting unacceptably high rates of facially invalid signatures; that the use of paid canvassers who have not been properly trained poses a threat to the integrity of the initiative process and the citizens of Arkansas' rights under Article 5, § 1 of the Arkansas Constitution; that this act protects voters from unscrupulous canvassers by requiring the paid canvasser be properly trained. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

- (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or
- (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read  
By: Representative Ray  
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Chief Clerk