

ARKANSAS SENATE
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 260

TO CREATE THE ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL ARKANSANS AND VOTER PROTECTION ACT OF 2023;
TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FILING OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE PETITION AND
REFERENDUM PETITION; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING STATEWIDE PETITIONS.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 260

Amend Senate Bill No. 260 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 14 and 15, and substitute the following:
"CONCERNING STATEWIDE PETITIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO CREATE THE ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL
ARKANSANS AND VOTER PROTECTION ACT OF
2023; TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
FILING OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE AND
REFERENDUM PETITION; AND TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 2, immediately after SECTION 2 add the following:

"SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the laws of the State of
Arkansas apply to all Arkansans; that there is a need to increase
participation from all parts of Arkansas in the process obtaining signatures
on initiative petitions and referendum petitions; that broad participation in
the initiative and referendum process ensures the public health, safety, and
welfare of all Arkansans by allowing citizens to exercise their
constitutional rights; and that this act is immediately necessary because
there is need to enhance and protect Arkansans' voice in the ballot
initiative and referendum process. 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 the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Dotson

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Secretary