

Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025

Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1037

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS WHO MAY REGISTER TO VOTE;
AND AMENDING PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51,
UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT
51, § 19.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1037

Amend House Bill 1037 as engrossed H1/16/25 (version: 1/16/25 04:21:56 PM):

Add Senator C. Tucker as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 9 and 10, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE PREREGISTRATION TO VOTE ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW
CONCERNING PERSONS WHO MAY REGISTER TO VOTE; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE PREREGISTRATION TO
VOTE ACT; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51,
UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY ARKANSAS
CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, § 19."



AND

Page 1, delete line 26, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TITLE. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Preregistration to Vote Act."

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Arkansas ranks forty-ninth (49th) among states in voter registration and forty-eighth (48th) among states in voter turnout;

(2) High voter turnout helps ensure that the will of the people will be respected by government, confers legitimacy on government, strengthens popular trust in government, and enforces government accountability;

(3) The voting age is fixed by the United States Constitution at eighteen (18) years of age;

(4) Twenty-eight (28) other states allow preregistration, in which a person may register before eighteen (18) years of age but not vote until eighteen (18) years of age;

(5) Research shows preregistration to have positive and significant effects on voter turnout; and

(6) Research shows preregistration to be equally effective for Republican and Democratic registrants.

(b) It is the intent of this act to allow preregistration for persons seventeen (17) years of age before reaching eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 6(a)(6)(B),"

AND

Page 1, line 31, delete "sixteen (16)" and substitute "seventeen (17)"

AND

Page 2, line 11, delete "sixteen (16) or"

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Page 2, line 21, delete "sixteen (16) or"

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Page 2, line 24, delete "sixteen (16) or"

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Page 2, line 27, delete "sixteen (16) or"

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Page 3, line 13, delete "sixteen (16) or"

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Page 3, line 19, delete "sixteen (16) or"

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative A. Collins
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