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ACT 593 – Concerning Voter Assistance, Requiring a Person Assisting a Voter with a Disability to Present Identification.

This Act amended A.C.A. § 7-5-310 requiring a person assisting a voter, who is over eighteen (18) years of age, to present a document or identification card that meets the requirements established by the State Board of Election Commissioners. Section 3 of the Act delegated rule making authorities regarding this requirement to the State Board of Election Commissioners.

The State Board approved an amendment to *Rules for the Verification of Voter Registration* (see proposed **7 CAR § 90-111**, as an addition to **7 CAR § 90-101 et. seq.**) by incorporating a new section describing the types of identification and documents that are acceptable for compliance with Act 593's amendments to A.C.A. § 7-5-310. There are three categories of assistors, those that provide photo identification, as defined by the Rule, including Arkansas Driver's license, Military Identification, and other commonly accepted Amendment 51 identification used by voters. The Second category of identification are those that provide photo identification from any other source, such as an out of state driver's license, or tribal identification. The Third category is an assistor that has no photo identification. This assistor must provide additional personal information and execute an affidavit sworn under penalty of perjury so that the information is correct. This executed affidavit, prepared by the State Board and provided to local election officials, acts as the document of identification referenced in the amendment.

The public comment period for this Rule amendment closed on September 15, 2025. On that same date, Staff emailed BLR requesting the proposed Amended Rule be reviewed at the Committee's October meeting. The anticipation is to have this Rule approved and in effect on November 1, 2025.