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HOUSE BILL 1735

By: Representatives Walker and Dawson

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 5 OF AMENDMENT 51 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, TO PROVIDE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Section 5 of Amendment 51 to the Arkansas Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) (1) The registration of voters is to be under the supervision of the Permanent Registrar. Eligible voters resident in a county may register at any time, from and after the effective date of this amendment by delivering by mail, or otherwise a completed Affidavit of Registration to the Permanent Registrar for the county in which the person resides or by delivering to any other place or places within the county as are designated by the Permanent Registrar.

(2) Registration of a qualified person occurs when a legible, accurate, and complete Affidavit of Registration is received in the office of the Permanent Registrar on or before the twentieth day prior to the election. Within a reasonable time after receiving the Affidavit of Registration, the Permanent Registrar shall notify the voter by nonforwardable mail that he has been registered. If any registration notification is undeliverable it shall not be forwarded to another address, but shall be returned to the Permanent Registrar. If any registration notification is returned as undeliverable, the Permanent Registrar shall make a good faith effort to determine the proper address of the registrant and mail the notification a second time. The registration notification shall be mailed a second time within ten days from the date it was returned as undeliverable to the Permanent Registrar. If the form is returned as undeliverable a second time, the voter's registration

shall, upon receipt by the Permanent Registrar, be void.

The Permanent Registrar shall permit any citizen, at all reasonable hours, to obtain a reasonable number of blank Affidavits of Registration to further distribution.

(3) The Permanent Registrar shall provide office and clerical facilities and may employ such clerical assistants which he may deem necessary to fulfill the duties imposed by this amendment, provided, that all clerical assistants so employed shall have the qualifications required by law of eligible voters and shall be selected on the basis of competence and without reference to political affiliation."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

