

State of Arkansas
76th General Assembly
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By: Senator Wilson

SENATE BILL 205

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE 7 OF ACT 465 OF 1969,
AS AMENDED [ARK. STATS. 3-701] TO REQUIRE THAT THE POLLS OPEN
AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7:30 P.M. ON EACH ELECTION DAY; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Article 7 of Act 465 of 1969 as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 3-701, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. On every election day the polls shall be opened at seven (7) o'clock a.m. and shall remain open continuously until seven-thirty (7:30) o'clock p.m."

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that under present law, the polls are required to be opened at 8 a.m. but that the County Board of Election Commissioners, or in a primary election the County Committee, may elect to open the polls earlier; that it is desirable that polling places be open as many hours as is practical to give electors an opportunity to vote; that this Act is designed to require that the polls be opened for all elections at 7 a.m. and remain open continuously until 7:30 p.m. and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

