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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1605

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-7-310 AND 13-10-106 TO
9 CHANGE RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THE
10 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

14 "TO CHANGE RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS
15 TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL VOTER
16 REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993"

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-7-310 is amended to read as follows:

21 "7-7-310. Filing and preservation of returns, ballots, and other
22 documents.

23 (a) The county committee, immediately upon having canvassed the
24 returns and, where demanded, examined the ballots and upon having certified
25 the results of the primary as required in this subchapter, shall file, in the
26 office of the county clerk of the county and, where there is more than one
27 (1) district, in the district of the county where the meetings of the county
28 committee are held, all the returns, all lists of voters forms, precinct
29 voter registration lists, and all ballots, affidavits, and other documents
30 received from the judges of election, and it shall be obligatory upon the
31 committee, its chairman, and secretary.

32 (b) These materials shall be preserved by the county clerk for a
33 period of two (2) years, subject to the orders of any court of competent
34 jurisdiction, or, if a contest is pending, until the contest is determined."

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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 13-10-106 is amended to read as follows;
2 "13-10-106. Voter registration and election records.

3 All counties of the State of Arkansas shall maintain county voter
4 registration and election records for the county as follows, if they are
5 currently being maintained:

6 (1) Maintain permanently:

- 7 (A) Voter registration record files;
- 8 (B) Maps of election precincts from county election commission;
- 9 (C) Certificate of election; and
- 10 (D) Ordinance election results;

11 (2)(A) Maintain for ten (10) years, after cancelled: a person's voter
12 registration record and reason for cancellation of a person's voter
13 registration;

14 (B) Maintain for ten (10) years:

- 15 (i) Minutes of board of election commission; and
- 16 (ii) Election file;

17 (C) Maintain for five (5) years:

- 18 (i) Petition, certificate, and notices for ordinance;
- 19 (ii) Political practice pledge;
- 20 (iii) Campaign contribution and expenditure sheets;
- 21 (iv) Code of ethics statements; and
- 22 (v) Financial disclosure;

23 (D) Maintain for two (2) years:

- 24 (i) Acknowledgement notices giving the disposition of a
25 person's voter registration application;
- 26 (ii) Precinct voter registration lists prepared for each
27 election;
- 28 (iii) Confirmation notices mailed by a county clerk to
29 confirm a voter's change of residence or name;
- 30 (iv) Confirmation return cards received in response to a
31 confirmation notice; and
- 32 (v) Absentee ballot applications and lists, except where
33 litigation follows or federal law governs."

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35 SECTION 3. This act shall be effective January 1, 1996.

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SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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