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4 By: Senator Hopkins

A Bill

SENATE BILL 714

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-501 (e) TO PROVIDE THAT
THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE A
CHANGE IN VOTING METHODS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSE."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY BOARD
OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE
A CHANGE IN VOTING METHODS UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-501 (e) is amended to read as follows:

"(e)(1) In municipalities or counties which acquired voting machines or electronic voting systems, or which voted to do so before April 6, 1979, nothing in this section and §§ 7-5-604 and 7-5-605 or present laws shall prohibit such municipalities or counties from using any method of voting authorized by law, whether singly or in combination with any other authorized voting method. However, except as authorized under subdivision (e)(2), no municipality or county shall implement the method of voting and vote counting which was in use prior to the election that authorized voting machines or electronic voting systems without an election authorizing such a change.

(2) The county board of election commissioners may authorize the use of an alternate method of voting if the board determines that the voting machines or electronic voting system currently in use is likely to

1 malfunction or cause questionable results due to the operational limits of
2 the machines or system."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
5 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
6 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
15 hereby repealed.

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