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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1591

By: Representative Bevis

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-411 TO ESTABLISH  
THE DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE THE UNITED  
STATES TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

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ESTABLISH THE DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIED  
ELECTORS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO  
RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS. "

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-411(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Absentee voting may be accomplished in one (1) of the two (2)  
following methods, and in no other manner:

(1) By ballot cast by mail which must be received in the office  
of the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not later than  
7:30 p.m. on election day. However, absentee ballots applied for not later  
than thirty (30) days before the election, by qualified electors outside the  
*United States on election day which are signed, ~~and dated,~~ postmarked, and*  
*mailed* by the voters no later than the day of the election and received by the  
county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of  
the election; "

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/ Bevis