

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

82nd General Assembly

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 551

By: Senator K. Smith

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-402 PERTAINING TO
VOTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-402
PERTAINING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ABSENTEE BALLOTS."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-402 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The following persons, if possessing the qualifications of electors,
may cast an absentee ballot in any election:

(1) Any person who will be unavoidably absent from his voting
place on the day of the election and during the early voting period as
established under 7-5-418; and. This person shall submit documentation to the
county clerk establishing that he will be unavoidably absent from his voting
place on the day of the election and during the early voting period. The
documentation may include, but not be limited to, a letter by a doctor, travel
itinerary, and enlistment papers.

(2) Any person who will be unable to attend the polls on the day
of the election ~~day~~ because of illness or physical disability.

(b) Any person denied the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot may
appeal the county clerk's decision to the State Board of Election
Commissioners.

(c) Any person who pleads guilty, nolo contendere, or is found guilty
of violating the provisions of this subchapter shall be punished in accordance

1 with the provisions of Arkansas Code 7-1-104."
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3 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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7 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 Act are declared to be severable.
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13 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
14 hereby repealed.
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