

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1031

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5 By: Representative Minton

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-418 TO PERMIT  
10 ANY COUNTY TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE EARLY VOTING  
11 SITE TO HOLD EARLY VOTING; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-418 TO PERMIT  
16 ANY COUNTY TO HOLD EARLY VOTING IN  
17 ADDITIONAL SITES.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-418(b) is amended to read as follows:

23 (b)(1)(A)(i) In any county containing one hundred fifty thousand  
24 (150,000) registered voters or more, the county board of election  
25 commissioners may decide to hold early voting at additional polling sites  
26 outside the offices of the county clerk and to include the additional voting  
27 locations for a maximum of fifteen (15) days but fewer if it so chooses by  
28 majority vote.

29 ~~(B)~~ (ii) The county board shall determine by  
30 unanimous vote the location of additional polling sites for early voting.

31 ~~(C)~~ (iii) The county clerk shall publish the location  
32 of additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation  
33 at least five (5) days before early voting begins.

34 ~~(2)~~ (B) The county board shall select the number of election  
35 officials necessary to adequately staff the additional early voting polling  
36 site or sites as in any other election.

1 ~~(3)(A)~~ (C)(i) The county board shall notify the county  
2 clerk of its decision to hold early voting at additional polling sites outside  
3 the office of the county clerk within ten (10) days of the decision.

4 ~~(B)~~ (ii) If the county board decides to hold early  
5 voting at additional polling sites outside the office of county clerk, the  
6 county clerk may choose not to hold early voting within the office of the  
7 county clerk. The county clerk shall notify the county board within ten (10)  
8 days of the receipt of notice from the county board regarding early voting at  
9 additional polling sites.

10 ~~(4)~~ (D) The early voting election official shall record the  
11 date on all pages of the early voting roster or early voting request form and  
12 keep a daily record of the number of early ballots cast.

13 ~~(5)(A)~~ ~~The county board may vote to extend the normal hours~~  
14 ~~for voting during early voting.~~

15 ~~(B)~~ (E) The county clerk shall publish the additional hours  
16 for early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites in  
17 a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days before early voting  
18 begins.

19 (2)(A)(i) In any county the county board of election  
20 commissioners and the county clerk may unanimously decide to hold early voting  
21 at additional polling sites outside the offices of the county clerk and to  
22 include the additional voting locations for a maximum of fifteen (15) days but  
23 fewer if it so chooses by majority vote.

24 (ii) The county board and the county clerk shall  
25 determine by unanimous vote the location of additional polling sites for early  
26 voting.

27 (iii) The county clerk shall publish the location of  
28 additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation at  
29 least ten (10) days before early voting begins.

30 (B) The early voting election official shall record the  
31 date on all pages of the early voting roster or early voting request form and  
32 keep a daily record of the number of early ballots cast.

33 (C) The county clerk shall publish the additional hours for  
34 early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites in a  
35 newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days before early voting  
36 begins.

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