

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1238

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-615(d) TO PROHIBIT
10 THE MAKING OF A DUPLICATE VOTE CARD FOR VOTES
11 INADEQUATELY PIERCED BY A PUNCH APPARATUS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-615(d) is amended to read as follows:

24 (d) If any vote card is damaged or defective so that it cannot properly
25 be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy shall
26 be made of the damaged vote card in the presence of tabulation election
27 officials if the votes are tabulated at a central location or in the presence
28 of or by the election officials at the polling site if the votes are tabulated
29 at the polling site. The duplicate shall be substituted for the damaged vote
30 card. A duplicate vote card shall be made of a defective vote card which shall
31 not include the valid votes. All duplicate vote cards shall be clearly labeled
32 "duplicate", shall bear a serial number which shall be recorded on the damaged
33 or defective vote card, and shall be counted in lieu of the damaged or
34 defective vote card. When making a duplicate vote card for a damaged or
35 defective vote card, no votes shall be duplicated which could not be counted,
36 or were not counted by the automatic tabulating equipment because of being

1 inadequately pierced by a punch apparatus but may only be duplicated if the
2 chad signifying a vote is completely removed. Inadequately pierced chads
3 shall not be hand counted under any circumstances.

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