

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
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1661

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5 By: Representative White
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE
10 APPLICATION FORM FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE
15 APPLICATION FORM FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-405 is amended to read as follows:

21 7-5-405. Application form.

22 Applications for absentee ballots may be made on a form furnished by
23 the county clerk, and the county clerk shall supply a form substantially
24 similar to the following form or an electronic facsimile of a substantially
25 similar form via telephonic transmission on request beginning at least sixty
26 (60) days before the election:
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28 "IF YOU PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM, YOU MAY BE GUILTY OF
29 PERJURY AND SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO 10
30 YEARS.

31 Date

32 To: County Clerk

33 County

34, Arkansas

35 (1) I am a qualified elector and reside at the following address of
36 precinct in (City, Town),

1 County, Arkansas. Because I: (Street address)
2 (City, Town), County

3 [check one]

4 [] Will be unavoidably absent from my polling site on election day, or

5 [] Will be unable to attend the polls on election day because of illness
6 or physical disability,

7 I am requesting request that you provide me with the appropriate absentee
8 ballot(s) for the following next elections election and corresponding runoff
9 election, if applicable: (check only one (1) political party):

10 For Primary Elections, check one political party.

11 [] Preferential Primary [] Democratic [] Republican

12 [] General Primary (Runoff) [] Democratic [] Republican

13 [] Annual School Election

14 [] General Election

15 [] General Runoff

16 [] Special [] School Runoff or

17 [] All elections for calendar year [designate party] (I understand
18 that if I select all elections for the calendar year that the absentee
19 ballots will be delivered to me only by mail.)

20 The application shall remain in effect for the current calendar year
21 unless revoked by voter.

22 NOTE: In accordance with Arkansas Code § 7-5-403, for voters who are
23 disabled or reside in long-term facilities or who reside outside the county,
24 this application will automatically remain in effect for the remainder of the
25 calendar year unless revoked by the voter, and the applicant shall receive,
26 by mail only, ballots for each election for the remainder of the calendar
27 year. For voters living within the county in which they are registered to
28 vote, this application shall only be valid for one (1) election and the
29 corresponding runoff election, after which the voter shall re-apply.

30 (2) I will receive my ballot(s): [check one]

31 [] By coming to the office of the county clerk by the time the county
32 clerk's office regularly closes on the day before the election.

33 [] By mail. I request that you mail my ballot(s) to the following
34 address:

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[] By bearer (insert name of relative, agent, or designated bearer)

The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be subject to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment for up to ten (10) years, or both, under federal or state laws.

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Printed or typed name of voter	Signature of voter
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Residence address of voter	Date of birth
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City or Town, Zipcode	Signature of Designated Bearer, Relative, or Authorized Agent."

(3) Any person may distribute blank applications for absentee ballots.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-5-403(b) is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Any person eligible to vote by absentee ballot may request the county clerk to mail to an address within the continental United States an application for an absentee ballot.

(2)(A) For those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote or in long-term care or residential facilities licensed by the state, or who are disabled voters as defined in § 7-5-311, the application shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter, and the county clerk shall thereafter automatically mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days prior to each election, an absentee ballot for each election.

(B) Except for persons of long-term care or residential facilities licensed by the state or other persons who are disabled voters as defined in § 7-5-311(d), for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside within the county in which they are registered to vote, the

1 application shall only be valid for one (1) election cycle. The election
2 cycle shall include any one (1) election and the corresponding runoff
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