

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 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1112

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5 By: Representatives Agee, Biggs, Bledsoe, Haak, C. Johnson
6 By: Senators Madison, Whitaker

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO REVISE ARKANSAS CODE § 7-5-418
11 REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR
12 EARLY VOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT REGARDING THE STATE ELECTION
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY VOTING.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418 (a) and (b) are amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (a) Early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who
24 applies to the county ~~clerk~~ clerk's during regular office hours designated
25 early voting location, beginning fifteen (15) days before an election ~~and~~
26 ~~ending on the day before election day at the time the county clerk's office~~
27 ~~regularly closes~~ between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through
28 Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the
29 Monday before the election.

30 (b)(1)(A) ~~In any county containing one hundred fifty thousand~~
31 ~~(150,000) registered voters or more, the~~ The county board of election
32 commissioners may decide to hold early voting at additional polling sites
33 outside the offices of the county clerk and to include the additional voting
34 locations for a maximum of fifteen (15) days ~~but fewer if it so chooses by~~
35 ~~majority vote.~~

36 (B) The county board shall determine by unanimous vote the



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1 location of additional polling sites for early voting.

2 (C) The county clerk shall publish the location of
3 additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper of general circulation
4 at least five (5) days before early voting begins.

5 (2) The county board shall select the number of election
6 officials necessary to adequately staff the additional early voting polling
7 site or sites as in any other election.

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

11 (B) If the county board decides to hold early voting at
12 additional polling sites outside the office of county clerk, the county clerk
13 may choose not to hold early voting within the office of the county clerk.
14 The county clerk shall notify the county board within ten (10) days of the
15 receipt of notice from the county board regarding early voting at additional
16 polling sites.

17 (4) The early voting election official shall record the date on
18 all pages of the early voting roster or early voting request form and keep a
19 daily record of the number of early ballots cast.

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

22 ~~(B)~~ The county clerk shall publish the additional hours
23 for early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites
24 in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days before early
25 voting begins.

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