

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

HOUSE BILL 2644

5 By: Representative King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING
10 DISABLED VOTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS
14 CONCERNING DISABLED VOTERS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-523(a) concerning assistance to
20 disabled voters, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1) If a voter informs shall inform the election officials at the
22 time the voter presents himself or herself to vote that the voter is unable,
23 because the voter cannot read or write or because of physical, sensory, ~~or~~
24 other disability, or other legal cause, or that he or she is unable to
25 complete the ballot without help, to cast his ballot by voting machine and
26 needs the assistance of some other person in casting his ballot, that voter
27 may be ~~assisted by two (2) election officials, or by a person selected by the~~
28 ~~voter, who shall operate the machine so as to vote the ballot in accordance~~
29 ~~with the voter's wishes, and shall be permitted to keep the curtain of the~~
30 ~~machine closed no longer than five (5) minutes.:~~

31 (A) Two (2) election officials; or

32 (B) A person named by the voter.

33 (2) If the voter is assisted by two (2) election officials, one
34 (1) of the election officials shall observe the voting process and one (1)
35 may assist the voter in operating the machine so as to vote the ballot in
36 accordance with the wishes of the voter without comment or interpretation,



1 and shall be permitted to keep the curtain of the machine closed no longer
2 than five (5) minutes.

3 (3) If the voter is assisted by one (1) person named by the
4 voter, he or she may assist the voter in operating the machine so as to vote
5 the ballot according to the wishes of the voter without comment or
6 interpretation, and shall be permitted to keep the curtain of the machine
7 closed no longer than five (5) minutes.

8 (4) The laws of this state with respect to assisting persons
9 with disabilities in the casting of votes upon printed ballots shall govern,
10 insofar as is practicable, the assistance of a voter in casting his ballot by
11 voting machine.

12 (5) It shall be the duty of the election officials at the
13 polling site to make and maintain a list of the names of all persons
14 assisting voters.

15 /s/ King
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