

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

SENATE BILL 270

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL HELP AMERICA VOTE  
10 ACT; TO REVISE VARIOUS VOTING PROCEDURES; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PROCEDURES.

## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL HELP  
15 AMERICA VOTE ACT.

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

19  
20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101 is amended to read as follows:

21 7-1-101. Definitions.

22 As used in this title, unless the context or chapter otherwise requires:

23 (1) "Administrator" means the administrative head of a long-term  
24 care or residential care facility licensed by the state who is authorized in  
25 writing by a patient of the long-term care or residential care facility to  
26 deliver the application for an absentee ballot and to obtain or deliver the  
27 absentee ballot to the county clerk;

28 (2) "Authorized agent" means a person who is identified and  
29 authorized by an applicant who is medically unable to cast a ballot at a  
30 polling site due to unforeseen medical necessity as set forth in an affidavit  
31 from the administrative head of a hospital or long-term or residential care  
32 facility to deliver the application, obtain a ballot, and deliver the ballot  
33 on the day of the election to the county clerk;

34 (3) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus necessary  
35 to automatically examine and count votes as designated on vote cards and data  
36 processing machines which can be used for counting votes and tabulating



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1 results but shall not include those voting machines authorized under this  
 2 title;

3 (4) "Candidate and issue labels" means the cards, paper,  
 4 booklet, pages, or other material containing the names of offices and  
 5 candidates and statements of measures to be voted on;

6 (5) "Canvassing" means examining and counting the returns of  
 7 votes cast at a public election to determine authenticity;

8 (6) "Constitutional officers of this state" means the offices of  
 9 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,  
 10 Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and Commissioner of State Lands;

11 (7) "Counting location" means a location selected by the county  
 12 board of election commissioners with respect to all elections for the  
 13 automatic processing or counting or both of votes;

14 (8) "Designated bearer" means any person who is identified and  
 15 authorized by the applicant to obtain from the county clerk or to deliver to  
 16 the county clerk the applicant's ballot;

17 (9) "Election official" or "election officer" means a person who  
 18 is a member of the county board of election commissioners or a person who is  
 19 a poll worker, having been designated by a county board of election  
 20 commissioners to be an election clerk, election judge, or election sheriff;

21 (10) "Electronic voting system" means a system of casting votes  
 22 by use of marking devices and tabulating votes by use of automatic tabulating  
 23 equipment or data processing equipment but shall not include those voting  
 24 machines authorized under this title;

25 (11) "Fail-safe voting" means the mechanism established under  
 26 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 that allows voters who have moved  
 27 within the same county to vote at their new precinct without having updated  
 28 their voter registration records;

29 (12) "First-time voter" means any registered voter who has not  
 30 previously voted in a federal election in the state.

31 ~~(12)~~(13) "General or special election" means the regular  
 32 biennial or annual elections for election of United States, state, district,  
 33 county, township, and municipal officials and the special elections to fill  
 34 vacancies therein and special elections to approve any measure. The term as  
 35 used in this act shall not apply to school elections for officials of school  
 36 districts;

1           ~~(13)~~(14) "Majority party" means that political party in the  
2 State of Arkansas whose candidates were elected to a majority of the  
3 constitutional offices of this state in the last-preceding general election;

4           ~~(14)~~(15) "Marking device" means either an apparatus in which  
5 vote cards are inserted and used in connection with a punch apparatus for  
6 piercing of vote cards by the voter or any approved device for marking a  
7 paper vote sheet with ink or other substances which will enable the votes to  
8 be tabulated by means of automatic tabulating equipment;

9           ~~(15)~~(16) "Minority party" means that political party whose  
10 candidates were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices  
11 of this state in the last-preceding general election or the political party  
12 which polled the second-greatest number of votes for the office of Governor  
13 in the last-preceding general election if all of the elected constitutional  
14 officers of this state are from a single political party;

15           ~~(16)~~(17)(A) "Political party" means any group of voters which at  
16 the last-preceding general election polled for its candidate for Governor in  
17 the state or nominees for presidential electors at least three percent (3%)  
18 of the entire vote cast for the office.

19                   (B) No group of electors shall assume a name or  
20 designation which is so similar in the opinion of the Secretary of State to  
21 that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an  
22 election.

23                   (C) When any political party fails to obtain three percent  
24 (3%) of the total votes cast at an election for the office of Governor or  
25 nominees for presidential electors, it shall cease to be a political party;

26           ~~(17)~~(18) "Polling site" means a location selected by the county  
27 board of election commissioners where votes are cast;

28           ~~(18)~~(19) "Precinct" means the geographical boundary lines  
29 dividing a county, municipality, township, or school district for voting  
30 purposes;

31           ~~(19)~~(20) "Primary election" means any election held by a  
32 political party in the manner provided by law for the purpose of selecting  
33 nominees of said political party for certification as candidates for election  
34 at any general or special election in this state;

35           ~~(20)~~(21) "Qualified elector" means a person who holds the  
36 qualifications of an elector and who is registered pursuant to Arkansas

1 Constitution, Amendment 51;

2 ~~(21)~~(22) "Vacancy in election" means the vacancy in an elective  
 3 office created by death, resignation, or other good and legal cause, arising  
 4 prior to election to the office at a general or special election but arising  
 5 subsequent to the certification of the ballot;

6 ~~(22)~~(23) "Vacancy in nomination" means the circumstances in  
 7 which the person who received the majority of votes at the preferential  
 8 primary election or general primary election cannot accept the nomination due  
 9 to death or notifies the party that he or she will not accept the nomination  
 10 due to serious illness, moving out of the area from which the person was  
 11 elected as the party's nominee, or filing for another office preceding the  
 12 final date for certification of nominations;

13 ~~(23)~~(24)(A) "Vacancy in office" means the vacancy in an elective  
 14 office created by death, resignation, or other good and legal cause arising  
 15 subsequent to election to the office at a general or special election or  
 16 arising subsequent to taking office and prior to the expiration of the term  
 17 of office in those circumstances wherein the vacancy must be filled by a  
 18 special election rather than by appointment.

19 (B) The phrase "vacancy in office" shall not apply to the  
 20 election of a person at a general election to fill an unexpired portion of a  
 21 term of office; and

22 ~~(24)~~(25) "Vote card" means a card upon which the voter casts his  
 23 votes by the process of punching.

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 25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-201(d), concerning voter  
 26 qualifications, is amended to read as follows:

27 (d)(1) Any person registering to vote by mail and having not  
 28 previously voted in a federal election shall ~~appear in person to vote the~~  
 29 ~~first time he or she casts a ballot.;~~

30 (A) Present to the election official a current and valid  
 31 photo identification, or copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
 32 government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name  
 33 and address of the voter, when appearing to vote in person either early or at  
 34 the polls on election day; or

35 (B) Submit with the ballot a copy of a current and valid  
 36 photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,

1 government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name  
 2 and address of the voter, when voting by mail.

3 (2) The provision of subdivision (d)(1) of this section does not  
 4 include:

5 (A) Persons whose applications are transmitted by state or  
 6 federal voter registration agencies;

7 (B) Persons who are temporarily living in a particular  
 8 place because of a temporary work-related assignment or duty post as a result  
 9 of their performing duties in connection with their status as military  
 10 personnel or students;

11 (C) Persons who are covered by the Uniformed and Overseas  
 12 Citizens Absentee Voting Act;

13 (D) Persons covered by the Voting Accessibility for the  
 14 Elderly and Handicapped Act; ~~or~~

15 (E) Persons who are entitled to vote otherwise than in  
 16 person under any other federal law;

17 (F) Persons who register to vote by mail and submit as  
 18 part of his or her registration any of the identification documents listed in  
 19 subdivision (d)(1); or

20 (G) Persons who register to vote by mail, and submit with  
 21 the registration either a driver's license number or at least the last four  
 22 (4) digits of the individual's social security number, and with respect to  
 23 whom a state or local election official matches the license number or social  
 24 security number with an existing state identification record bearing the same  
 25 number, name, and date of birth as provided in the registration.

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 27 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202 is amended to read as follows:

28 § 7-5-202. Public notice of elections.

29 (a) It shall be the duty of the county board of election commissioners  
 30 at least twenty (20) days before each preferential primary and general  
 31 election and ten (10) days before the holding of each general primary,  
 32 general runoff, or special election to give public notice in a newspaper of  
 33 general circulation in the county of the ~~time and~~ date of the election, the  
 34 hours of voting on election day, polling sites for holding the elections in  
 35 the county, and the candidates and offices to be elected at that time.

36 (b) At least five (5) days prior to a preferential primary, general

1 primary, general election, general runoff, or special election, a copy of the  
 2 public notice may be posted at each polling site fixed for holding the  
 3 election and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
 4 county.

5 (c) On the day of any election, the following information shall be  
 6 posted at each polling site and remain posted continuously therein until the  
 7 polls close:

8 (1) The public notice required in subsection (a) of this  
 9 section;

10 (2) A sample version of the ballot or ballots that will be used  
 11 for that election;

12 (3) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a  
 13 provisional ballot;

14 (4) General information on voting rights under applicable  
 15 federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual  
 16 to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the  
 17 appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated; and

18 (5) General information on federal and state laws regarding  
 19 prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation.

20 (d) The Secretary of State shall provide to each county board of  
 21 election commissioners the information to be posted at each polling site  
 22 according to § 7-5-202(b)(4) and (5).

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 24 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-305(a)(8), concerning requirements for  
 25 voting, is amended to read as follows:

26 (8)(A) Request the voter for purposes of identification to  
 27 provide a ~~valid driver's license, photo identification card issued by a~~  
 28 ~~governmental agency, voter card, social security card, birth certificate,~~  
 29 ~~United States passport, employee identification card issued by a governmental~~  
 30 ~~agency containing a photograph, employee identification card issued in the~~  
 31 ~~normal course of business of the employer, student identification card,~~  
 32 ~~Arkansas hunting license, or United States military identification card,~~ a  
 33 current and valid photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill,  
 34 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that  
 35 shows the name and address of the voter.

36 (B)(i) If a voter is unable to provide this

1 identification, the election official shall indicate on the precinct voter  
 2 registration list that the voter did not provide identification.

3 (ii) A first time voter who registers by mail  
 4 without providing identification when registering, and desires to vote in  
 5 person, but who does not meet the identification requirements of subdivision  
 6 (a)(8)(A) may cast a provisional ballot.

7 ~~(ii)~~(iii) Following each election, the county board  
 8 of election commissioners may review the precinct voter registration lists  
 9 and may provide the information of the voters not providing identification at  
 10 the polls to the prosecuting attorney.

11 ~~(iii)~~(iv) The prosecuting attorney may investigate  
 12 possible voter fraud.

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 14 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-5-306(b), concerning precinct voter  
 15 registration list, is amended to read as follows:

16 (b) If the voter is not listed on the precinct voter registration list  
 17 and the election official is unable to verify the voter's registration with  
 18 the county clerk and the voter contends that he or she is a registered voter  
 19 in the precinct in which he or she desires to vote and that he or she is  
 20 eligible to vote, then the voter may vote a challenged ballot which shall  
 21 only be counted upon verification of the voter's registration status by the  
 22 county board of election commissioners prior to certification of election,  
 23 shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot as follows:

24 (1) An election official at the polling place shall notify the  
 25 individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot in that  
 26 election;

27 (2) The individual shall be permitted to cast a provisional  
 28 ballot at that polling place upon the execution of a written affirmation by  
 29 the individual before an election official at the polling place stating that  
 30 the individual is:

31 (A) A registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the  
 32 individual desires to vote; and

33 (B) Eligible to vote in that election;

34 (3) The provisional ballot shall only be counted upon  
 35 verification of the voter's registration status by the county board of  
 36 election commissioners before certification of the election; and

1           (4)(1) Whenever a person casts a provisional ballot, the  
 2 election official shall provide the voter written information that states  
 3 that the individual who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain  
 4 whether the vote was counted, by accessing a toll free telephone number,  
 5 internet website, or other free access system established by the Secretary of  
 6 State for that purpose.

7           (2) Access to information about an individual provisional ballot  
 8 shall be restricted to the individual who cast the ballot.

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 10           SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(b) and (c), concerning challenging  
 11 a voter’s ballot, are amended to read as follows:

12           (b)(1) When the ballot of any voter is thus challenged, it shall be  
 13 treated as a provisional ballot, and it shall be the duty of the election  
 14 officials in the election precinct to make and retain a list of the names of  
 15 all persons so challenged, and the following procedure shall be followed:

16                   (A) The voter shall separate his or her marked ballot and  
 17 ballot stub;

18                   (B) The voter shall place the ~~challenged~~ ballot in a  
 19 single ~~challenged~~ provisional ballot envelope and seal the envelope; and

20                   (C) The voter shall place the ballot stub and the sealed  
 21 ~~challenged~~ provisional ballot envelope and challenge form in a ~~challenged~~  
 22 provisional voter envelope; and

23           (2) ~~The~~ All provisional ballots ~~of all challenged persons~~ shall  
 24 be preserved, secured, and separated from the remaining ballots to the end  
 25 that the right of any person to vote may be determined later by the county  
 26 board of election commissioners or the court in which an election contest may  
 27 thereafter be filed.

28           (c)(1) The county board shall, prior to certification of the results  
 29 of the election, determine whether the ~~challenged~~ provisional ballots are  
 30 valid.

31           (2) If, upon examination of any ~~challenged~~ provisional ballots,  
 32 the county board suspects that a violation of the election laws has occurred,  
 33 the county board may refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney.

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 35           SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 7-5-315(7)(B)(ii) is amended to add an  
 36 additional subdivision to read as follows:



1                   (c) Any person who votes in an election as a  
 2 result of a federal or state court order or any other order extending the  
 3 time established for closing the polls may only vote in that election by  
 4 casting a provisional ballot according to the procedure set out in § 7-5-  
 5 306(b), and the ballot shall be separated and held apart from other  
 6 provisional ballots cast by those not affected by the order.

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 8           SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(c), concerning applications for  
 9 ballots, is amended to read as follows:

10           (c) Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the  
 11 territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, and  
 12 their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them, may  
 13 request the absentee ballot for any one (1) or more elections ~~during any one~~  
 14 ~~(1) calendar year~~ through the next two (2) regularly scheduled general  
 15 elections for federal office, including any runoff elections which may occur  
 16 as a result of the outcome of the general elections, by submitting only one  
 17 (1) application during that ~~calendar year~~ period of time in the manner  
 18 prescribed by subsection (a) of this section.

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 20           SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 7-5-406(a), concerning overseas voters, is  
 21 amended to read as follows:

22           (a) Any qualified elector of this state in any of the following  
 23 categories who is absent from the place of his or her voting residence may  
 24 make a request for an absentee ballot by submission of a federal postal card  
 25 application as provided for in the ~~Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of~~  
 26 ~~1975~~ Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and may vote by  
 27 absentee ballot, without registering, in any primary, special, or general  
 28 election held in his or her election precinct if he or she is otherwise  
 29 eligible to vote in that election:

30                   (1) Members of the uniformed services of the United States while  
 31 in active service and their spouses and dependents;

32                   (2) Members of the merchant marine of the United States and  
 33 their spouses and dependents; and

34                   (3) Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside  
 35 the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and  
 36 their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 7-5-409(b), concerning materials furnished to qualified voters, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the applicant is registered or is otherwise eligible to vote absentee, the county clerk shall deliver or mail to the applicant or deliver pursuant to subsections (d) - (f) of this section to the person who delivers the application to the office of the county clerk pursuant to § 7-5-403 the following materials:

(1) An official ballot for each election named in the application;

(2) Instructions for voting and returning the ballot to the county clerk;

(3) A sealable envelope on which there shall be written or printed the words: "Ballot Only";

(4) A sealable envelope upon which shall be printed or written the words: "Return Envelope", the address of the county clerk, the precinct of the voter, and the words: "ABSENTEE BALLOT, ..... , ..... , ELECTION";

(5) A blank voter statement in the following form:

"I reside at the address indicated on my application.

~~I have enclosed my ballot stub in the Return Envelope; I have enclosed my marked ballot in the Ballot Only envelope, which I will place in the Return Envelope.~~

(A) My ballot stub;

(B) My completed voter statement;

(C) A copy of a current and valid photo identification card, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows my name and address, if I registered to vote for the first time by mail; and

(D) The ballot only envelope containing my marked ballot.

I will not vote again in this election.

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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1 signature of voter  
 2 .....  
 3 printed name of voter  
 4 .....  
 5 address of voter  
 6 .....  
 7 date of birth of voter  
 8 .....  
 9 signature of designated bearer, relative or authorized agent  
 10 .....  
 11 address of designated bearer, relative or authorized agent."; and

12 (6) An authorized agent authorization form, which may be printed  
 13 on the back of the voter statement, as follows:

14 "AGENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

15 If applicable, fill out and sign this form and place it in the Return  
 16 Envelope

17 I hereby authorize ..... (insert his or her name) as my authorized agent, to  
 18 deliver this ballot as I am medically unable to vote on election day. An  
 19 affidavit verifying my medical status as unable to deliver the application or  
 20 to vote on the day of the election is attached or has been provided with my  
 21 application.

22 .....

23 Signature of voter

24 .....

25 printed name of voter

26 .....

27 date of birth of voter"  
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29 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 7-5-412 is amended to read as follows:

30 § 7-5-412. Marking and return of ballots - Delivery of mailed ballots.

31 (a) Upon receiving the blank ballot, statement, and envelopes, whether  
 32 in the office of the county clerk or elsewhere, the voter shall mark the  
 33 ballot, tear off the lower ballot stub end, and place the ballot in the  
 34 provided envelope. He or she shall then seal the envelope containing the  
 35 ballot and place it ~~with his executed statement and the ballot stub~~ in the  
 36 other provided outer envelope, with the following:

1           (1) The executed voter statement;  
 2           (2) The ballot stub; and  
 3           (3) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a  
 4 copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck,  
 5 or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter,  
 6 for first time voters who registered by mail. However, this requirement does  
 7 not apply if:

8                   (A) The voter registered to vote by mail and provided the  
 9 identification at that time; or

10                   (B) The first time voter registered to vote by mail and  
 11 submitted his or her driver’s license number or at least the last four (4)  
 12 digits of his or her social security number at the time, and this information  
 13 matches the information in an existing state identification record bearing  
 14 the same number, name, and date of birth as provided in the registration.

15           (b) The envelope containing ballot, ballot stub, identification, if  
 16 applicable, and voter’s statement must be received in the office of the  
 17 county clerk not later than 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election.

18           (c) An individual who desires to cast an absentee ballot but who does  
 19 not meet the identification requirements of subdivision (a)(3) may cast a  
 20 ballot by mail and the ballot shall be considered as a provisional ballot.

21           ~~(e)~~(d) Ballots by mail shall be counted if received no later than the  
 22 time the polls close on election day. Ballots received by mail on election  
 23 day, and before the polls close, shall be delivered promptly by the county  
 24 clerk to the election officials designated to canvass and count absentee  
 25 ballots.

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27           SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 7-5-416(b), concerning counting absentee  
 28 ballots, is amended to read as follows:

29           (b)(1) The opening, counting, and canvassing shall be conducted as  
 30 follows:

31                   (A) One (1) of the election officials shall open outer  
 32 absentee ballot envelopes one (1) by one (1), and, as soon as he or she opens  
 33 one (1), he or she shall read aloud from the statement in the envelope the  
 34 name of the voter and the voting precinct in which the voter claims to be a  
 35 legal voter;

36                   (B) As each outer envelope is opened and the name of the

1 voter is read, the election officials for the absentee box shall list in  
 2 duplicate the name and voting precinct of the voter and shall write on the  
 3 stub end of the ballot taken from the outer envelope the number of the voter  
 4 taken from this list of voters;

5 (C) After the election official reads aloud from the  
 6 statement, the election officials shall compare the name, address, date of  
 7 birth, and signature of the voter's absentee application ~~and~~ with the voter's  
 8 statement and, for first time voters who registered by mail, the voter's  
 9 identification document, unless the voter previously provided identification  
 10 at the time of mailing the voter registration application. If the application  
 11 and the voter's statement do not compare as to name, address, date of birth,  
 12 and signature, or if the first time voter failed to provide the required  
 13 identification with the ballot or at the time of mailing the voter  
 14 registration application, the absentee application, absentee ballot envelope,  
 15 and voter's statement shall be placed in an envelope marked "~~challenged~~"  
 16 "provisional". The election official shall record the reason for the  
 17 challenge on the envelope, and it shall be referred to the board. The board  
 18 shall determine whether the voter is qualified and whether or not the vote  
 19 shall be counted;

20 (D) If no challenge is made, ~~and if the statement is in~~  
 21 ~~proper form,~~ the election official shall, without opening the inner envelope  
 22 containing the ballot, remove the inner envelope and place it in the ballot  
 23 box without marking it in any way; ~~Proper form shall include the voter's~~  
 24 ~~signature;~~

25 (E) The ballot stub ends shall be placed in a separate  
 26 ballot box designated for them and retained as are other ballot stub ends;

27 (F)(i) After all of the outer envelopes have been opened  
 28 and a list has been made in duplicate of the name and voting precinct of the  
 29 voters, as required in this section, the election officials of the absentee  
 30 box shall preserve all the statements of voters and the voters'  
 31 identification documents and deliver them to the county clerk, who shall file  
 32 and keep them for the same length of time after the election as is required  
 33 for retention of other ballots, ~~and the,~~

34 (ii) The voter statements shall be made available  
 35 for public inspection during regular business hours; ~~and the,~~

36 (iii) The voters' identification documents shall not

1 be subject to public inspection except as part of a judicial proceeding to  
 2 contest the election;

3 (G) When all of the inner envelopes containing the ballots  
 4 have been placed in the ballot box and the ballot stub ends have been  
 5 deposited in a separate box, the ballot box shall be shaken thoroughly to mix  
 6 the ballots; and

7 (H) The ballot box shall be opened and the ballots  
 8 canvassed and counted; and

9 (2) No election results shall be printed or released prior to  
 10 the closing of the polls.

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 12 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 7-5-707 is amended to read as follows:

13 § 7-5-707. Vote certification - Report.

14 (a)(1) At the time that the county board of election commissioners  
 15 certifies the vote to the Secretary of State, the county board shall report  
 16 to the State Board of Election Commissioners ~~the total number of:~~

17 (A) The total number of ballots cast;

18 ~~(1)(B) Ballots~~ The total number of ballots printed and  
 19 delivered to the polls;

20 ~~(2)(C) Challenged~~ The total number of provisional ballots  
 21 that were disqualified;

22 ~~(3)(D) Spoiled~~ The total number of spoiled ballots; ~~and~~

23 ~~(4)(E) Unused~~ The total number of unused ballots; and

24 (F)(1) The name of the provisional voter for each  
 25 provisional ballot cast, whether the vote was counted and if the vote was not  
 26 counted.

27 (2) Information in subdivision (a)(1)(F) shall not be disclosed  
 28 to the public, but shall be available to the voter who cast the provisional  
 29 ballot according to § 7-5-306(b)(4).

30 (b) Within thirty (30) calendar days after any election, the county  
 31 board shall report to the state board the number of over-votes and under-  
 32 votes cast in the election.

33 (c)(1) The county board of election commissioners shall transmit the  
 34 certified results for each polling place to the county clerk, who shall  
 35 immediately transmit the results to the Secretary of State through the  
 36 internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State for all state

1 and federal elections.

2 (2) The county board of election commissioners shall transmit  
3 the information required according to subsection (a) of this section to the  
4 county clerk who shall enter and transmit it to the State Board of Election  
5 Commissioners through the Secretary of State internet website interface.

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