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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 270

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL HELP AMERICA VOTE  
13 ACT; TO REVISE VARIOUS VOTING PROCEDURES; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PROCEDURES.

## Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL HELP  
18 AMERICA VOTE ACT.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101 is amended to read as follows:  
24 7-1-101. Definitions.

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

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

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



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1 (3) "Automatic tabulating equipment" means apparatus necessary  
2 to automatically examine and count votes as designated on vote cards and data  
3 processing machines which can be used for counting votes and tabulating  
4 results but shall not include those voting machines authorized under this  
5 title;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 ~~(12)~~(13) "General or special election" means the regular  
35 biennial or annual elections for election of United States, state, district,  
36 county, township, and municipal officials and the special elections to fill

1 vacancies therein and special elections to approve any measure. The term as  
2 used in this act shall not apply to school elections for officials of school  
3 districts;

4 ~~(13)~~(14) "Majority party" means that political party in the  
5 State of Arkansas whose candidates were elected to a majority of the  
6 constitutional offices of this state in the last-preceding general election;

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

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

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

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

26 (C) When any political party fails to obtain three percent  
27 (3%) of the total votes cast at an election for the office of Governor or  
28 nominees for presidential electors, it shall cease to be a political party;

29 ~~(17)~~(18) "Polling site" means a location selected by the county  
30 board of election commissioners where votes are cast;

31 ~~(18)~~(19) "Precinct" means the geographical boundary lines  
32 dividing a county, municipality, township, or school district for voting  
33 purposes;

34 ~~(19)~~(20) "Primary election" means any election held by a  
35 political party in the manner provided by law for the purpose of selecting  
36 nominees of said political party for certification as candidates for election

1 at any general or special election in this state;

2 ~~(20)~~(21) "Qualified elector" means a person who holds the  
3 qualifications of an elector and who is registered pursuant to Arkansas  
4 Constitution, Amendment 51;

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

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

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

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

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

27

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

30 (d)(1) Any person registering to vote by mail and who has not  
31 previously voted in a federal election shall ~~appear in person to vote the~~  
32 ~~first time he or she casts a ballot.;~~

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

1 the polls on election day; or

2 (B) Submit with the ballot a copy of a current and valid  
 3 photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
 4 government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name  
 5 and address of the voter, when voting by mail.

6 (2) The provision of subdivision (d)(1) of this section does not  
 7 include:

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

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

14 ~~(G)(B)~~ Persons who are covered by the Uniformed and  
 15 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act;

16 ~~(D)(C)~~ Persons covered by the Voting Accessibility for the  
 17 Elderly and Handicapped Act; ~~or~~

18 ~~(E)(D)~~ Persons who are entitled to vote otherwise than in  
 19 person under any other federal law;

20 (E) Persons who register to vote by mail and submit as  
 21 part of the registration any of the identification documents listed in  
 22 subdivision (d)(1); or

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

29  
 30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202 is amended to read as follows:

31 § 7-5-202. Public notice of elections.

32 (a) It shall be the duty of the county board of election commissioners  
 33 at least twenty (20) days before each preferential primary and general  
 34 election and ten (10) days before the holding of each general primary,  
 35 general runoff, or special election to give public notice in a newspaper of  
 36 general circulation in the county of the ~~time and~~ date of the election, the

1 hours of voting on election day, polling sites for holding the elections in  
2 the county, and the candidates and offices to be elected at that time.

3 (b) At least five (5) days prior to a preferential primary, general  
4 primary, general election, general runoff, or special election, a copy of the  
5 public notice may be posted at each polling site fixed for holding the  
6 election and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
7 county.

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

11 (1) The public notice required in subsection (a) of this  
12 section;

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

15 (3) Instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a  
16 provisional ballot;

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

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

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

26  
27 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-305(a)(8), concerning requirements for  
28 voting, is amended to read as follows:

29 (8)(A) Request the voter for purposes of identification to  
30 provide a ~~valid driver's license, photo identification card issued by a~~  
31 ~~governmental agency, voter card, social security card, birth certificate,~~  
32 ~~United States passport, employee identification card issued by a governmental~~  
33 ~~agency containing a photograph, employee identification card issued in the~~  
34 ~~normal course of business of the employer, student identification card,~~  
35 ~~Arkansas hunting license, or United States military identification card, a~~  
36 current and valid photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill,

1 bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that  
 2 shows the name and address of the voter.

3 (B)(i) If a voter is unable to provide this  
 4 identification, the election official shall indicate on the precinct voter  
 5 registration list that the voter did not provide identification.

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

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

14 ~~(iii)~~(iv) The prosecuting attorney may investigate  
 15 possible voter fraud.

16  
 17 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-5-306(b), concerning precinct voter  
 18 registration list, is amended to read as follows:

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

27 (1) An election official at the polling place shall notify the  
 28 individual that the individual may cast a provisional ballot in that  
 29 election;

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

34 (A) A registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the  
 35 individual desires to vote; and

36 (B) Eligible to vote in that election;

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

4           (4)(1) Whenever a person casts a provisional ballot, the  
 5 election official shall provide the voter written information that states  
 6 that the individual who casts a provisional ballot will be able to ascertain  
 7 whether the vote was counted, and, if not, the reason the vote was not  
 8 counted, by accessing a toll free telephone number, internet website, or  
 9 other free access system established by the Secretary of State for that  
 10 purpose.

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

13  
 14           SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(b) and (c), concerning challenging  
 15 a voter's ballot, are amended to read as follows:

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

20                   (A) The voter shall separate his or her marked ballot and  
 21 ballot stub;

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

24                   (C) The voter shall place the ballot stub and the sealed  
 25 ~~challenged~~ provisional ballot envelope and challenge form in a ~~challenged~~  
 26 provisional voter envelope; and

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

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

35           (2) If, upon examination of any ~~challenged~~ provisional ballots,  
 36 the county board suspects that a violation of the election laws has occurred,



1 the county board may refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney.

2  
3 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 7-5-315(7)(B)(ii) is amended to add an  
4 additional subdivision to read as follows:

5 (c) Any person who votes in an election as a  
6 result of a federal or state court order or any other order extending the  
7 time established for closing the polls may only vote in that election by  
8 casting a provisional ballot according to the procedure set out in § 7-5-  
9 306(b), and the ballot shall be separated and held apart from other  
10 provisional ballots cast by those not affected by the order.

11  
12 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(c), concerning applications for  
13 ballots, is amended to read as follows:

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

23  
24 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 7-5-406(a), concerning overseas voters, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a) Any qualified elector of this state in any of the following  
27 categories who is absent from the place of his or her voting residence may  
28 make a request for an absentee ballot by submission of a federal postal card  
29 application as provided for in the ~~Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of~~  
30 ~~1975~~ Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act or may use the  
31 federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, and may vote by absentee ballot, without  
32 registering, in any primary, special, run-off, or general election held in  
33 his or her election precinct if he or she is otherwise eligible to vote in  
34 that election:

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

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

3 (3) Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside  
4 the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and  
5 their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them.  
6

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) A blank voter statement in the following form:  
25 "I reside at the address indicated on my application.

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

29 (A) My ballot stub;

30 (B) My completed voter statement;

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

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

36 I will not vote again in this election.

1 THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE UNDER  
2 PENALTY OF PERJURY. IF I HAVE PROVIDED FALSE INFORMATION, I MAY BE SUBJECT TO  
3 A FINE OF UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TEN  
4 (10) YEARS, OR BOTH, UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS.

5 .....

6 signature of voter

7 .....

8 printed name of voter

9 .....

10 address of voter

11 .....

12 date of birth of voter

13 .....

14 signature of designated bearer, relative or authorized agent

15 .....

16 address of designated bearer, relative or authorized agent."; and

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

19 "AGENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

20 If applicable, fill out and sign this form and place it in the Return  
21 Envelope

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

27 .....

28 Signature of voter

29 .....

30 printed name of voter

31 .....

32 date of birth of voter"

33  
34 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 7-5-412 is amended to read as follows:

35 § 7-5-412. Marking and return of ballots - Delivery of mailed ballots.

36 (a) Upon receiving the blank ballot, statement, and envelopes, whether

1 in the office of the county clerk or elsewhere, the voter shall mark the  
2 ballot, tear off the lower ballot stub end, and place the ballot in the  
3 provided envelope. He or she shall then seal the envelope containing the  
4 ballot and place it ~~with his executed statement and the ballot stub~~ in the  
5 other provided outer envelope, with the following:

6 (1) The executed voter statement;

7 (2) The ballot stub; and

8 (3) A copy of a current and valid photo identification, or a  
9 copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck,  
10 or other government document that shows the name and address of the *first*  
11 *time* voter, for first time voters who registered by mail. However, this  
12 requirement does not apply if:

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

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

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

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

26 ~~(e)~~(d) Ballots by mail shall be counted if received no later than the  
27 time the polls close on election day. Ballots received by mail on election  
28 day, and before the polls close, shall be delivered promptly by the county  
29 clerk to the election officials designated to canvass and count absentee  
30 ballots.

31  
32 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 7-5-416(b), concerning counting absentee  
33 ballots, is amended to read as follows:

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

36 (A) One (1) of the election officials shall open outer

1 absentee ballot envelopes one (1) by one (1), and, as soon as he or she opens  
2 one (1), he or she shall read aloud from the statement in the envelope the  
3 name of the voter and the voting precinct in which the voter claims to be a  
4 legal voter;

5 (B) As each outer envelope is opened and the name of the  
6 voter is read, the election officials for the absentee box shall list in  
7 *duplicate the name and voting precinct of the voter* ~~and shall write on the~~  
8 ~~stub end of the ballot taken from the outer envelope the number of the voter~~  
9 ~~taken from this list of voters;~~

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

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

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

32 (F)(i) After all of the outer envelopes have been opened  
33 and a list has been made in duplicate of the name and voting precinct of the  
34 voters, as required in this section, the election officials of the absentee  
35 box shall preserve all the statements of voters and the voters'  
36 identification documents and deliver them to the county clerk, who shall file

1 and keep them for the same length of time after the election as is required  
2 for retention of other ballots, ~~and the~~.

3 (ii) The voter statements shall be made available  
4 for public inspection during regular business hours.

5 (iii) The voters' identification documents shall not  
6 be subject to public inspection except as part of a judicial proceeding to  
7 contest the election;

8 (G) When all of the inner envelopes containing the ballots  
9 have been placed in the ballot box and the ballot stub ends have been  
10 deposited in a separate box, the ballot box shall be shaken thoroughly to mix  
11 the ballots; and

12 (H) The ballot box shall be opened and the ballots  
13 canvassed and counted; and

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

16  
17 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 7-5-707 is amended to read as follows:

18 § 7-5-707. Vote certification - Report.

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

22 (A) The total number of ballots cast;

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

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

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

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

29 (F)(1) The name of the provisional voter for each  
30 provisional ballot cast, whether the vote was counted and if the vote was not  
31 counted, the reason it was not counted.

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

35 (b) Within thirty (30) calendar days after any election, the county  
36 board shall report to the state board the number of over-votes and under-

1 votes cast in the election.

2 (c)(1) The county board of election commissioners shall transmit the  
3 certified results for each polling place to the county clerk, who shall  
4 immediately transmit the results to the Secretary of State through the  
5 internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State for all state  
6 and federal elections.

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

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