

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 1111

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5 By: Senator Holt
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO STENGTHEN VOTER REGISTRATION
10 REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO AMEND
11 AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN VOTER REGISTRATION
16 REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 19 of
22 Amendment 51 of the Arkansas Constitution, Section 6(a)(3) of Amendment 51 to
23 the Arkansas Constitution, concerning information required from applicants
24 when registered to vote, is amended to read as follows:

25 (3) The following information will be required of the applicant:

26 (A) Full name;

27 (B) Mailing address;

28 (C) Residence address and any other information necessary
29 to identify the residence of the applicant;

30 (D) If previously registered, the name then supplied by
31 the applicant, and the previous address, county, and state;

32 (E) Date of birth;

33 (F) A signature or mark made under penalty of perjury that
34 the applicant meets each requirement for voter registration;

35 (G) If the applicant is unable to sign his or her name,
36 the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing assistance;



1 (H) If the applicant has a current and valid driver's
2 license, the applicant's driver's license number;

3 (I) If the applicant does not have a current and valid
4 driver's license, the last four (4) digits of the applicant's social security
5 number; ~~and~~

6 (J) If the applicant does not have a current and valid
7 driver's license number or social security number, the Secretary of State
8 will assign the applicant a number which will serve to identify the applicant
9 for voter registration purposes, and this number shall be placed on the
10 application; and

11 (K)(i) Evidence of United States citizenship, including
12 any of the following:

13 (a) A legible copy of the applicant's valid
14 driver's license or identification card issued by this state or another
15 state, if the issuing agency indicates on the driver's license or
16 identification card that the applicant provided satisfactory proof of United
17 States citizenship upon issuance of the card;

18 (b) A legible copy of the applicant's birth
19 certificate that verifies United States citizenship to the satisfaction of
20 the permanent registrar;

21 (c) A legible copy of the applicant's
22 passport, identifying the applicant and his or her passport number;

23 (d)(1) A legible copy of the applicant's
24 naturalization documents or the number of the applicant's certificate of
25 naturalization.

26 (2) If the applicant provides the number
27 of his or her certificate of naturalization, the applicant shall not be added
28 to the voter registration list until the number of the certificate of
29 naturalization is verified with the United States Citizenship and Immigration
30 Services of the Department of Homeland Security;

31 (e) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs
32 of the United States Department of the Interior card number, tribal treaty
33 card number, or tribal enrollment number; or

34 (f) Other documents or methods of proof
35 established pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as
36 existing on January 1, 2005.

1 (ii) For purposes of this section, proof of voter
 2 registration from another state or county is not evidence of United States
 3 citizenship as required by subdivision (a)(3)(K) of this section.

4 (iii) The permanent registrar shall maintain copies
 5 of evidence of United States citizenship submitted pursuant to this section
 6 for two (2) years.

7 (iv)(a) Except as provided in subdivision
 8 (a)(3)((K)(iv)(b) of this section, persons registered to vote on the
 9 effective date of subdivision (a)(3)(K) of this section shall not be required
 10 to submit evidence of United States citizenship.

11 (b) A person registered to vote in a county in
 12 Arkansas as of the effective date of subdivision (a)(3)(K) of this section
 13 shall be required to submit evidence of United States citizenship when
 14 registering to vote in another county.

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 16 SECTION 2. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 19 of
 17 Amendment 51 of the Arkansas Constitution, Section 9(c)(2) of Amendment 51 to
 18 the Arkansas Constitution, concerning requirements to register qualified
 19 applicants who register to vote by mail, is amended to read as follows:

20 (2) The permanent registrar shall register qualified applicants
 21 who apply to register to vote by mail using the state or federal mail voter
 22 registration application form if:

23 (A) A legible and complete voter registration application
 24 form is postmarked not later than thirty (30) days before the date of the
 25 election, or, if the form is received by mail without a postmark, not later
 26 than twenty-five (25) days before the date of an election; ~~and~~

27 (B)(i) The applicant provides a current valid driver's
 28 license number or the last four (4) digits of the applicant's social security
 29 number; or

30 (ii) If an applicant for voter registration does not
 31 have a valid driver's license or a social security number, the Secretary of
 32 State shall assign the applicant a number that will serve as a unique
 33 identifier of the applicant for voter registration purposes; and

34 (C) The applicant provides evidence of United States
 35 citizenship under Section 6 of Amendment 51 to the Arkansas Constitution.

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