

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 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

SENATE BILL 286

4
5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representative Edwards

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE USE OF SPECIAL ABSENTEE
11 BALLOTS BY MILITARY VOTERS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT CLARIFYING THE USE OF SPECIAL
16 ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY MILITARY VOTERS.

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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 § 7-5-406(c), concerning special absentee
22 ballots for military voters, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c)(1) For the qualified electors in the categories named in
24 subsection (a) of this section who are active duty military personnel
25 stationed overseas, the county board of election commissioners shall prepare
26 a special absentee ballot for each preferential primary and general election
27 to be sent to the voter in addition to the regular absentee ballot.

28 (2)(A) The special absentee ballot shall contain a list of all
29 offices ~~being contested~~ contested by three (3) or more candidates and the
30 candidates qualifying for the election in each office.

31 (B) The special absentee ballot shall permit the elector
32 to vote in the general primary election or in a general runoff election by
33 indicating his or her order of preference for each candidate for each office.

34 (C)(i) To indicate his or her order of preference for each
35 candidate for each office, the voter shall put the number one (1) next to the
36 name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the number two (2) for



1 the voter's second choice, and so forth, so that, in consecutive numerical
2 order, a number indicating the voter's preference is written by the voter
3 next to the candidate's name on the ballot.

4 (ii) However, the voter shall not be required to
5 indicate his or her preference for more than one (1) candidate on the ballot
6 if he or she chooses.

7 (3) The special absentee ballot shall be marked as a "special
8 runoff ballot".

9 (4) Instructions shall be sent with the special absentee ballot
10 to the qualified voter explaining the instant runoff voting process.

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