| 1        | State of Arkansas  | A Bill   |                            |  |
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| 2        | 88th General Assembly  | A DIII   |                            |  |
| 3        | Regular Session, 2011  |  | HOUSE BILL 2075            |  |
| 4        |  |  |                            |  |
| 5        | By: Representative Slinkard  |  |                            |  |
| 6<br>7   |  | For An Act To Be Entitled  |                            |  |
| 7<br>8   | ለክ ለርሞ ሞር ለ  | TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE COUNTING                            |                            |  |
| 9        |  | TEE OR EARLY VOTES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.                              |                            |  |
| 10       | OF ADSENTED  | I OK EAKET VOTES, AND FOR OTHER  | TORIOSES.                  |  |
| 11       |  |  |                            |  |
| 12       |  | Subtitle   |                            |  |
| 13       | TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE   |  |                            |  |
| 14       | COUNTING OF ABSENTEE OR EARLY VOTES.   |  |                            |  |
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| 17       | BE IT ENACTED BY THE G   | ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  | ARKANSAS:                  |  |
| 18       |  |  |                            |  |
| 19       | SECTION 1. Arkan   | nsas Code § 7-5-416(a)(5) is ame   | ended to read as           |  |
| 20       | follows:   |  |                            |  |
| 21       | (5) <u>(A)</u> Aba   | Absentee or early votes may be counted <del>prior to</del> <u>before</u> |                            |  |
| 22       | the closing of the polls on election day <u>as provided in this subdivision</u>  |  |                            |  |
| 23       | <u>(a)(5)</u> .  |  |                            |  |
| 24       | <u>(B)(</u>  | i) Absentee or early votes may   | <u>be counted using an</u> |  |
| 25       | electronic vote tabulating device before the closing of the polls on election  |  |                            |  |
| 26       | <u>day.</u>  |  |                            |  |
| 27       |  | (ii) An election official may  |                            |  |
| 28       |  | early voting before the closing  | <u>of the polls on</u>     |  |
| 29       | election day.  |  |                            |  |
| 30       |  | Any method of counting absentee  | -                          |  |
| 31       | than provided in subdivision (a)(5)(B) of this section shall occur after the   |  |                            |  |
| 32       | closing of the polls on election day.  |  |                            |  |
| 33       | (D) The results of absentee and early voting shall not be printed or released before the closing of the polls on election day. |  |                            |  |
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