

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

5 By: Senators K. Hammer, M. Johnson, Beckham, J. English, Flippo, Irvin, B. Johnson, Rapert, Rice, B.
6 Sample, G. Stubblefield, J. Sturch, D. Sullivan, D. Wallace
7 By: Representatives Lowery, Brown, Barker, Beaty Jr., Beck, Bentley, S. Berry, Boyd, Bragg, Brooks,
8 Carr, Cavanaugh, Christiansen, Cloud, Coleman, Cozart, Crawford, Dalby, M. Davis, Eaves, Eubanks,
9 Evans, L. Fite, Gazaway, Gonzales, Haak, Hawks, Hollowell, Ladyman, Lundstrum, Maddox, McCollum,
10 McGrew, McNair, S. Meeks, Payton, Penzo, Pilkington, Richmond, Rye, B. Smith, S. Smith, Speaks,
11 Vaught, Warren, Watson, Wing, *M. Berry, C. Cooper, M. Gray, Wooten*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

14 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF
15 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND
16 COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW
17 CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND
18 VOTED BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 OF 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE
24 EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC
25 RECORDS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
26 THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967
27 AND VOTED BALLOTS.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b), concerning the examination
33 and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,
34 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

35 (27)(A) Ballots, other than sample ballots, unless otherwise
36 ordered by a court of law;



1 (B) Subdivision (b)(27)(A) of this section does not apply
2 to a poll watcher during an election, who shall be allowed to inspect a voter
3 statement and ballot while ensuring the secrecy of the vote is maintained and
4 subject to reasonable restrictions prescribed by the State Board of Election
5 Commissioners.

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