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A Bill

SENATE BILL 216

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE WAITING TIME
9 TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION
10 PROCEDURES; TO ALLOW A CITIZEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING
11 THE WAITING TIME TO VOTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TIME TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
16 ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND TO ALLOW A
17 CITIZEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE WAITING
18 TIME TO VOTE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 7-5-325. Voting within one hour.

27 (a) All qualified electors shall be given the opportunity to vote
28 within one (1) hour of arriving at a polling location on election day.

29 (b)(1) A county board of election commissioners shall establish
30 polling sites and voting equipment in an adequate number to ensure the
31 requirement of subsection (a) of this section is met.

32 (2) A county board of election commissioners shall use the
33 following information to establish the adequate number of polling sites and
34 voting equipment:

35 (A) The number of voters at a polling site for the
36 previous election type;



1 (B) The average time per voter to execute a ballot;

2 (C) The number of voting machines previously used at the
3 polling location; and

4 (D) The amount of time voters waited at the polling place
5 for the previous election.

6 (c) If a citizen waits more than one (1) hour to vote, a citizen may
7 file a complaint with the State Board of Election Commissioners.

8 (d) If the State Board of Election Commissioners finds a county board
9 of election commissioners is unable to adequately meet the requirement of
10 subsection (a) of this section, the State Board of Election Commissioners
11 shall establish the number of polling sites the county board of election
12 commissioners must have for the next election to ensure that the requirement
13 of subsection (a) of this section is met.

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