1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/9/23	
2	94th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2023	SENATE BILL 258	
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5	By: Senators Dees, K. Hammer, M. McKee, J. Petty, Stone		
6	By: Representatives Burkes, Wing, Achor, Andrews, Barker, Beaty Jr., Beck, Bentley, M. Berry, Breaux,		
7	Brooks, K. Brown, M. Brown, Joey Carr, C. Cooper, Cozart, Evans, C. Fite, L. Fite, Fortner, Furman,		
8	Gazaway, Gonzales, Gramlich, Haak, Hawk, Hollowell, Jean, Ladyman, Long, Lundstrum, Lynch,		
9	McAlindon, McClure, McCollum, M. McElroy, McGrew, B. McKenzie, McNair, S. Meeks, Miller,		
10	Milligan, K. Moore, Painter, Pearce, Pilkington, Puryear, R. Scott Richardson, Richmond, Rose, Rye,		
11	Schulz, Steimel, Tosh, Underwood, Vaught, Womack, Wooldridge, Wooten		
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13	For An Act To Be Entitled		
14	AN ACT TO	AMEND THE METHOD OF VOTING ABSENTEE; TO	
15	PROHIBIT THE USE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOXES; AND		
16	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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19		Subtitle	
20	TO AM	END THE METHOD OF VOTING ABSENTEE;	
21	AND T	O PROHIBIT THE USE OF ABSENTEE	
22	BALLO	T DROP BOXES.	
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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27	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 7-1-101, concerning definitions under	
28	election law, is amend	ed to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:	
29	<u>(44)(A) "</u>	Drop box" means:	
30		(i) A receptacle, box, or other physical structure	
31	used to receive absent	ee ballots; and	
32		(ii) That is available for public use.	
33	(B) "Drop box" does not include a receptacle, box, or		
34	other physical structure that is provided by or used by a mail carrier		
35	authorized to receive	or deliver absentee ballots under law.	
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1	Section 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a), concerning the methods of		
2	voting absentee, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as		
3	follows:		
4	(5)(A) A county clerk, public employee, or election official		
5	shall not establish or use a drop box for the purpose of collecting absentee		
6	ballots.		
7	(B) No person shall deliver an absentee ballot through a		
8	drop box.		
9	(6) All absentee ballots not delivered by mail shall be hand-		
10	delivered inside the physical office of the county clerk under the		
11	requirements of this section and chapter.		
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