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A Bill

SENATE BILL 258

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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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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Subtitle

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20 TO AMEND THE METHOD OF VOTING ABSENTEE;
21 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ABSENTEE
22 BALLOT DROP BOXES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101, concerning definitions under*
28 *election law, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:*

29 (44)(A) "Drop box" means:

30 (i) A receptacle, box, or other physical structure
31 used to receive absentee 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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