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A Bill

SENATE BILL 275

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11 Underwood, Vaught, Womack, Wooten
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For An Act To Be Entitled

14 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONEERING; TO
15 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING POLLING SITES AND VOTE
16 CENTERS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION
17 OF POLLING SITES BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
18 COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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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 § 7-5-101, concerning the establishment and
33 alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, is
34 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

35 (f)(1) A polling site or vote center established under this section
36 shall permit any person who is outside the building in which voting is taking



1 place and who is one hundred feet (100') or more from the primary exterior
2 entrance used by voters to a building in which voting is taking place to:

3 (A) Audibly disseminate information that advocates for or
4 against any candidate, issue, or measure on the ballot;

5 (B) Visually display signs held in a person's hand which
6 advocate for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot; and

7 (C) Visually display attire which advocates for or against
8 any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot.

9 (2) A county board of election commissioners shall ensure that
10 each polling site permits the activities in subdivision (f)(1) of this
11 section before designating the location as a polling site or vote center.

12 (3) Subdivision (f)(1) of this section does not require a
13 polling site or vote center to permit a sign, tent, or other structure to be
14 affixed to the property.

15 (4) If a polling site or vote center allows signs, tents, or
16 other structures to be affixed to the property, the polling site or vote
17 center shall permit all interested persons equal access to the property for
18 the purpose of affixing a sign, tent, or other structure to the property.

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20 /s/K. Hammer
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