

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

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SENATE BILL 275

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTIONEERING; TO

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AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING POLLING SITES AND VOTE

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CENTERS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION

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OF POLLING SITES BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION

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COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING

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ELECTIONEERING; TO AMEND THE LAW

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CONCERNING POLLING SITES AND VOTE

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CENTERS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING

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THE DESIGNATION OF POLLING SITES BY

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COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

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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:

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(f)(1) A polling site or vote center established under this section

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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, but without amplification, disseminate  
4 information that advocates for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on  
5 the ballot;

6 (B) Visually display signs able to be held in a person's  
7 hand and which are held in a person's hand or are attended by a person, that  
8 advocate for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on the ballot; and

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

11 (2) A county board of election commissioners shall:

12 (A) Ensure that each polling sites permits the activities  
13 in subdivision (f)(1) of this section before designating the location as a  
14 polling site or vote center; and

15 (B) Negotiate with a polling site to establish the area  
16 and distance from the one hundred feet (100') from the primary exterior  
17 entrance used by voters to a building in which voting is taking place that  
18 the activities in subdivision (f)(1) of this section may take place.

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

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

26 (5) The agreement entered into between the county board of  
27 election commissioners and the polling site shall not apply to an adjacent  
28 landowner or property not specifically designated as a polling site.

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30 /s/K. Hammer  
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