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HOUSE BILL 1422

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE ACT; TO
MODIFY THE CONTENTS OF DRIVER'S LICENSES AND
IDENTIFICATION CARDS; TO AMEND THE CONTENTS OF A
DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR CERTAIN
NONCITIZENS; TO CREATE A TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OFFICIALS REGARDING THE DRIVER'S LICENSES OR
IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF CERTAIN NONCITIZENS; TO AMEND
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE ACT; TO
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DRIVER'S
LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF
CERTAIN NONCITIZENS; AND TO AMEND
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51,
SECTION 13.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Only Citizens Vote Act".

SECTION 2. Under the authority permitted under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 19, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(C), concerning verification of voter registration, is amended to read as follows:



1 (C) Documents and identification cards that comply with
2 the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section include without
3 limitation:

4 (i) A driver's license, except as provided by
5 Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C);

6 (ii) A photo identification card, except as provided
7 by Arkansas Code § 27-16-805(e)(2);

8 ~~(iii) A concealed handgun carry license;~~

9 ~~(iv) A United States passport;~~

10 ~~(v) An employee badge or identification document~~
11 ~~issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of~~
12 ~~Arkansas;~~

13 ~~(vi)~~(iv) A United States military identification
14 document; and

15 ~~(vii) A public assistance identification card if the~~
16 ~~card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification~~
17 ~~card was issued; and~~

18 ~~(viii)~~(v) A voter verification card under Arkansas
19 Code § 7-5-324.

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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(40)(C)(i)-(viii), concerning the
22 documents and identification cards that meet the definition of "verification
23 of voter registration" used in relation to elections, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 (i) A driver's license, except as provided under §
26 27-16-801(b)(2)(C);

27 (ii) A photo identification card, except as provided
28 under § 27-16-805(e)(2);

29 ~~(iii) A concealed handgun carry license;~~

30 ~~(iv) A United States passport;~~

31 ~~(v) An employee badge or identification document~~
32 ~~issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of~~
33 ~~Arkansas;~~

34 ~~(vi)~~(iv) A United States Armed Forces identification
35 document; and

36 ~~(vii) A public assistance identification card if the~~

~~card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued; and~~

~~(viii)~~(v) A voter verification card under § 7-5-324;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-4-109(e)(2)(D), concerning the qualifications of state and county election commissioners, election officials, poll workers, and certified election monitors, is amended to read as follows:

(D)(i) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate rules under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., concerning the training requirements, materials, and examination of essential skills.

(ii) The training required under subdivision (e)(2)(D)(i) of this section shall include instruction on recognizing and refusing a driver's license under § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C) or an identification card under § 27-16-805(e)(2) that is not valid for voter identification purposes.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-5-113. Reporting of persons holding noncitizen driver's license or identification card.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare and deliver to the Secretary of State a monthly report listing the names and identifying information of each person holding a driver's license issued under § 27-16-801(a)(1)(C) or an identification card under § 27-16-805(b)(1)(D).

(b)(1)(A) Upon receipt of the report prepared under subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary of State shall verify if any person listed in the report is listed in the voter registration record files maintained by the Secretary of State.

(B) The Secretary of State may use any database available to the office of the Secretary of State to assist in the verification of the citizenship of a person listed in the report prepared under subdivision (a) of this section.

(2) If a person listed in the report prepared under subsection

1 (a) of this section is found to be registered as a voter in the Secretary of
2 State's voter registration record files:

3 (A) The Secretary of State shall notify the county clerk
4 of the county in which the person is registered to vote of the identity of
5 the person;

6 (B) A county clerk who receives notification under
7 subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall cancel the registration to vote
8 of the person identified under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section; and

9 (C) The Secretary of State shall refer to the Attorney
10 General for prosecution the person who was found to be registered as a voter
11 in the Secretary of State's voter registration files under subdivision (b)(2)
12 of this section.

13 (c)(1) The Secretary of State shall provide written notice to a person
14 who has had his or her registration to vote canceled under subdivision (b)(2)
15 of this section that the Secretary of State found that the person was not a
16 citizen of the United States, that the person possessed a driver's license
17 issued under § 27-16-801(a)(1)(C) or an identification card issued under §
18 27-16-805(b)(1)(D), that the person was referred to the Attorney General for
19 prosecution, and that the person's registration to vote was canceled.

20 (2) The written notice provided under subdivision (c)(1) of this
21 section shall inform the person that if he or she wishes to contest the
22 findings of the Secretary of State under subdivision (c)(1) of this section
23 he or she may provide evidence or documentary proof of United States
24 citizenship to the Secretary of State.

25 (d) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules to implement this
26 section, including without limitation rules to contest a finding under
27 subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

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29 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(a)(1), concerning the types of
30 licenses that may be issued by the Office of Driver Services, is amended to
31 add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

32 (C) A license issued to a person who is not a citizen of
33 the United States shall expire no later than:

34 (i) The expiration date of the documentary evidence
35 of person's lawful status in the United States provided under § 27-16-
36 1105(a)(1)(D)(ii)-(xi); or

1 (ii) The period provided for under § 27-16-1111.

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3 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(1), concerning the contents
4 required to be contained on the face of a driver's license, is amended to add
5 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

6 (C) A license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this
7 section shall clearly display on its face the phrase "Limited Term" or
8 "Limited-Term".

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10 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C), concerning the purposes
11 for which a driver's license is valid, is amended to read as follows:

12 (C)(i) A license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C) or
13 subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section is not valid for:

14 (a) Federal identification purposes; or

15 (b) Voter identification purposes.

16 (ii) The license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C)
17 or subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section shall clearly display on its face
18 the phrase "Not valid for federal identification purposes or voter
19 identification purposes".

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21 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(e), concerning the administrative
22 requirements for the issuance of a driver's license, is amended to add an
23 additional subdivision to read as follows:

24 (6) A license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section
25 shall be:

26 (A) Distinctive in appearance from the regular driver's
27 license issued to a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; and

28 (B) Printed in a vertical or portrait format.

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30 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 27-16-805(b), concerning the issuance of
31 identification cards, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
32 follows:

33 (3) If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States and
34 provided evidence of his or her lawful status in the United States under §
35 27-16-1105(a)(1)(D)(ii)-(xi), the identification card shall expire no later
36 than:

1 (A) The expiration date of the documentary evidence of
2 person's lawful status in the United States provided under § 27-16-
3 1105(a)(1)(D)(ii)-(xi); or

4 (B) The period provided for under § 27-16-1112.

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6 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 27-16-805(c), concerning the issuance of
7 identification cards, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c)(1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, each
9 identification card shall contain:

10 ~~(1)~~(A) A color photograph of the applicant;

11 ~~(2)~~(B) A physical description of the applicant;

12 ~~(3)~~(C) The birthdate of the applicant;

13 ~~(4)~~(D) The address of the applicant;

14 ~~(5)~~(E) The date of issue; and

15 ~~(6)~~(F) The expiration date.

16 (2) If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States and
17 has provided evidence of his or her lawful status in the United States under
18 § 27-16-1105(a)(1)(D)(ii)-(xi), the identification card shall:

19 (A) Be distinctive in appearance from an identification
20 card issued to a citizen of the United States;

21 (B) Clearly display on its face the phrase "Limited Term"
22 or "Limited-Term"; and

23 (C) Be printed in a vertical or portrait format.

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25 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 27-16-805(e)(2), concerning the issuance
26 of identification cards is amended to read as follows:

27 (2)(A) An identification card issued under subdivision (b)(1)(C)
28 or subdivision (e)(1) of this section is not valid for:

29 (i) Federal identification purposes; or

30 (ii) Voter identification purposes.

31 (B) The identification card issued under subdivision
32 (b)(1)(C) or subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall clearly display on its
33 face the phrase "Not valid for federal identification purposes or voter
34 identification purposes".

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36 SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1-12 of this act are effective

on and after January 1, 2026.

/s/Long