

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1574

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5 By: Representative Vaught  
6 By: Senator K. Hammer

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANVASSERS; TO  
10 REQUIRE DOMICILE IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CANVASSERS;  
14 AND TO REQUIRE DOMICILE IN ARKANSAS.

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-9-103(a)(6), concerning residence of  
20 canvassers, is amended to read as follows:

21 (6) A person shall not act as a canvasser unless he or she ~~is~~:

22 (A) Is a resident of this state; and

23 (B) Is domiciled in:

24 (i) The state if acting as a canvasser for a  
25 statewide initiative petition or statewide referendum petition; or

26 (ii) The county where a local petition will be  
27 submitted if acting as a canvasser for a local petition.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-9-103(d), concerning the signing of  
30 petitions, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) A person acting as a sponsor or an agent of a sponsor shall not  
32 knowingly hire a person as a paid canvasser who:

33 (A) Is not a resident of this state; and

34 (B) Is not domiciled in:

35 (i) The state if acting as a canvasser for a  
36 statewide initiative petition or statewide referendum petition; or



1                   (ii) The county where a local petition will be  
 2 submitted if acting as a canvasser for a local petition.

3                   (2) A person who fails to comply with subdivision (d)(1) of this  
 4 section is guilty of a violation and upon conviction shall be fined two  
 5 thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for each paid canvasser hired in  
 6 violation of subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

7                   (e) When the official charged with verifying the signatures has  
 8 reasonable grounds to believe that one (1) or more signatures on a petition  
 9 is forged, the official shall report the suspected forgery and basis for  
 10 suspecting forgery to:

11                   (1) The Division of Arkansas State Police, in the case of a  
 12 statewide petition; or

13                   (2) The prosecuting attorney of the county, in the case of a  
 14 local petition.

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 16                   SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Severability.

17                   If any provision of this act or the application of this act to any  
 18 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other  
 19 provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the  
 20 invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this act  
 21 are declared severable.