

State of Arkansas

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## A Bill

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SENATE BILL 299

By: Senator K. Hammer

By: Representative A. Brown

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN  
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A LONG-TERM  
RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH ABSENTEE VOTING; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN  
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A  
LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH  
ABSENTEE VOTING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(3), concerning designated  
bearers, authorized agents, and administrators, is amended to read as  
follows:

(3)(A) At least one (1) long-term care or residential care  
facility staff member shall witness the administrator assist the voter by  
marking a ballot on behalf of the voter without any comment or  
interpretation.

(B) An administrator may deliver the absentee ballot to  
the county clerk for any voter who names the administrator on his or her  
application and voter statement.

~~(B)~~(C) Absentee ballots may be delivered to the county  
clerk in person by the administrator or by mail.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(4)(E), concerning designated



1 bearers, authorized agents, and administrators for residents of a long-term  
2 care facility, is amended to read as follows:

3 (E) That the administrator understands that Arkansas law  
4 requires that at least one (1) long-term care or residential care facility  
5 staff member is required to witness the administrator assist the voter by  
6 marking ~~or casting~~ a ballot on behalf of the voter without any comment or  
7 interpretation.

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