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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD TO BE USED TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD TO BE USED TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(B), concerning verification of voter registration, is amended to read as follows:

(B) A document or identification card may be presented in a digital format on an electronic device if the document or identification card:

(1) Complies with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section; and

(2) The digital format has been approved or issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited-post-secondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas.

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



limitation:

- (i) A driver's license;
- (ii) A photo identification card;
- (iii) A concealed handgun carry license;
- (iv) A United States passport;
- (v) An employee badge or identification document issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas;
- (vi) A United States military identification document;
- (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) A voter verification card under Arkansas Code § 7-5-324.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(39), concerning the definition of "verification of voter registration", is amended to read as follows:

(39)(A) "Verification of voter registration" means:

- (i) Presenting a document or identification card when appearing to vote in person that:
 - (a) Shows the name of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;
 - (b) Shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;
 - (c) Is issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas; and
 - (d) If displaying an expiration date, is not expired or expired no more than four (4) years before the date of the election in which the voter seeks to vote; or
- (ii) Submitting with an absentee ballot verification of voter registration in the form of a copy of a document or identification card that complies with the requirements of subdivision (39)(A)(i) of this section.

(B) A document or identification card may be presented in

a digital format on an electronic device if the document or identification card:

(1) Complies with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section; and

(2) The digital format has been approved or issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited-post-secondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas.

(C) Documents and identification cards that comply with the requirements of subdivision (39)(A) of this section include without limitation:

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(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

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