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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 487

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ALTERATION OF  
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES, POLLING SITES, AND VOTE CENTERS;  
TO AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND  
ALTERATION OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES,  
POLLING SITES, AND VOTE CENTERS; AND TO  
AMEND ARKANSAS ELECTION LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(40), concerning the definition of "vote center", is amended to read as follows:

(40) "Vote center" means an election day location designated by the ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election commissioners at which a qualified elector from any precinct in the county holding the election may vote;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(e)(1)(A) and (B), concerning the



establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, are amended to read as follows:

(e)(1)(A) Before establishing one (1) or more vote centers in the county under § 7-1-113, ~~the county clerk~~ the county board of election commissioners shall certify to the Secretary of State and the county quorum court that the county has a secure electronic connection sufficient to prevent:

- (i) An elector from voting more than once; ~~and~~
- (ii) Unauthorized access to ~~a computerized registration book maintained by the county clerk~~ an electronic pollbook;
- (iii) Unauthorized access to the voter registration database; and
- (iv) Unauthorized access to voting equipment and voter materials.

(B) If the ~~county clerk~~ county board of election commissioners has certified to the county quorum court a determination of sufficiency under subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section, the county may adopt an ordinance to establish vote centers for elections.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(e)(2)(A) and (B), concerning the establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, are amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) Except for school elections under § 6-14-106, a vote center location for each election shall be the same as that established for the immediately preceding general election unless changed by order of the ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election commissioners.

(B) The ~~county clerk or~~ county board of election commissioners shall not change a vote center location for any precinct less than thirty (30) days before an election except in the event of an emergency.

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