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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1512

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By: Senators K. Hammer, Dees, M. McKee, J. Petty, Stone

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS
OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES;
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE
BALLOTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OUTSIDE OF
THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-411(a)(1), concerning the methods of absentee voting for qualified electors outside the United States, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A) By delivery of the ballot by mail that must be received in the office of the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day.

(B)(i) However, except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, by ballots ~~applied for not later than thirty~~



~~(30) days before the election by~~ of qualified electors outside the United States on election day that are signed, ~~dated,~~ postmarked, and mailed by the voters no later than the day of the election and received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the election.

(ii) The absentee ballots of armed services personnel serving in active status shall be counted if received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the election and if the absentee ballots were executed no later than the date of the election.

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