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A Bill

SENATE BILL 479

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By: Representative Hawk

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER ASSISTANCE;
TO REQUIRE A PERSON ASSISTING A VOTER WITH A
DISABILITY TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER
ASSISTANCE; AND TO REQUIRE A PERSON
ASSISTING A VOTER WITH A DISABILITY TO
PRESENT IDENTIFICATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-310(b)(2)(B), concerning who may assist voters with disabilities at the polling machine, is amended to read as follows:

- (B) A person named by the voter who:
- (i) Is present in the polling site;
 - (ii) Is eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
 - (iii) Presents a document or identification card

that meets the requirements established by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-310(b)(5), concerning assisting voters with disabilities, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) It shall be the duty of the poll workers at the polling site to make and maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons



assisting voters.

(B) The list shall contain the name of the assistor as it appears on the document or identification card presented by the assistor under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-310, concerning assisting voters with disabilities, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate rules concerning the required documents or identification necessary to assist a voter with a disability under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section.

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