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A Bill

SENATE BILL 578

By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EARLY VOTING; TO ALLOW A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO CLOSE CERTAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EARLY VOTING; AND TO ALLOW A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO CLOSE CERTAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418, concerning early voting locations, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (h)(3) of this section, the county board of election commissioners may call an emergency meeting held in person or by electronic means to close one (1) or more early voting locations for one (1) or more days due to inclement weather.

(2) An emergency meeting called under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall require a unanimous vote by the county board of election commissioners to close an early voting location.

(3) The county board of election commissioners shall not close at least one (1) early voting location in the county seat that shall remain open every day that is designated for early voting.

(4) As used in this subsection, "county seat" means the same as



defined in § 14-14-301.

APPROVED: 4/17/25