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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1027

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS TO NOTIFY THE VOTER OF A CHALLENGED
BALLOT OF THE REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO NOTIFY THE
VOTER OF A CHALLENGED BALLOT OF THE
REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(c), regarding a challenge of a voter's ballot by poll watchers, candidates, or designees, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) The county board shall, prior to certification of the results of the election, determine whether the challenged ballots are valid.

(2) The county board shall state in writing the reasons it declined to count any challenged ballot, and shall notify any voter whose challenged ballot is not counted of the reason that the vote was not counted. The notification shall be by regular mail, within five (5) business days of the commission's determination that the vote should not be counted.

(3) If, upon examination of any challenged ballots, the county suspects that a violation of the election laws has occurred, the county board may refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney.



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-417(d), regarding challenging absentee
2 votes, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (d) The county board shall state in writing the reasons it declined to
4 count any challenged ballot, and shall notify any voter whose challenged
5 ballot is not counted of the reason that the vote was not counted. The
6 notification shall be by regular mail, within five (5) business days of the
7 commission's determination that the vote should not be counted.