

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1283

By: Representatives House, *D. Altes, J. Burris, Davis, Gillam, Gossage, Kerr, Lea, Leding, Nickels, Sabin, Slinkard, Wardlaw*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT A LAST VOTE; TO ALLOW A VOTE CAST BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE THE DEATH OF A VOTER TO BE COUNTED; TO REPEAL A PORTION OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROTECT A LAST VOTE; TO ALLOW A VOTE CAST BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE THE DEATH OF A VOTER TO BE COUNTED; AND TO REPEAL A PORTION OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-416(c), concerning the death of a voter after the absentee ballot is cast but before it is counted, is repealed.

(c) If any person casting an absentee ballot dies before the polls open on election day, his or her vote shall ~~not be counted~~, be accepted by the county clerk if the absentee ballot is:

(1) Signed, dated, postmarked, and mailed before the date of death;

(2) Signed, dated, and delivered to the county clerk by a designated bearer, authorized agent, or administrator before the date of death; or

(3) The ballot of a member of the armed services in active duty is executed before the date of death.



/s/House