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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A VOTER TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION OR DURING EARLY VOTING; TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A VOTER TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION OR DURING EARLY VOTING; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 6, of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) A person who is eligible to register to vote and eligible to vote may register to vote at the time of voting by:

(A) Appearing in person at the polling place on election day, at a vote center on election day, or at an early voting location during the time for early voting;

(B) Completing a voter registration application;

(C) Making written registrant's oath attesting to his or her identity and residence; and

(D) Providing proof of identity and residence.

(2)(A) A person may establish identity and residency as required by subdivision (d)(1)(D) of this section by presenting to the appropriate precinct election official any of the following current and valid forms of



identification that contain the person's photograph and a validity expiration date:

- (i) Arkansas drivers license;
- (ii) Arkansas personal identification card;
- (iii) Out-of-state drivers license;
- (iv) Out-of-state personal identification card;
- (v) United States passport;
- (vi) United States military identification card;
- (vii) Identification card issued by an employer; and
- (viii) Student identification card issued by an

Arkansas high school or an Arkansas institute of higher education.

(B) If the photographic identification presented under subdivision (d)(2)(A) does not contain the person's current address in the precinct, the person shall also present one of the following documents that show the person's name and current address in the precinct:

- (i) Residential lease;
- (ii) Property tax statement;
- (iii) Utility bill;
- (iv) Bank statement;
- (v) Paycheck;
- (vi) Government check; or
- (vii) Other government document.

(3)(A) If the person is registering to vote at his or her polling place on election day, the person may establish identity and residency as required by subdivision (d)(1)(D) of this section by presenting a written oath of a person who is registered to vote in the precinct that attests:

- (i) To the identity of the person registering to vote; and
- (ii) That the person registering to vote is a current resident of the precinct.

(B) The oath shall be signed by the attesting registered voter in the presence of the appropriate election official.

(C) A registered voter may sign only one (1) oath attesting to another person's identity and residency under this subsection (d) of this section on an election day.

(4) An oath required under subdivisions (d)(1)(C) or (d)(3) of this section shall be attached to the voter registration application.

(5) The registrant's oath required under subdivision (d)(1)(C) of this section shall be in written form provided by the Secretary of State and shall include:

(A) The following statement: 'I, _____ (name of registrant) _____, do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of false swearing that I am a resident of the _____ precinct, city of _____, county of _____, Arkansas. I am the person named above. I live at the _____ (street address) _____. I do not claim the right to vote anywhere else. I have not voted and will not vote in any other precinct in this election.';

(B) A space for the signature and printed name of the registrant;

(C) A space for the registrant to provide a telephone number if he or she chooses to do so; and

(D) A space for the appropriate election official to sign an affirmation that the oath was subscribed and sworn before him or her.

(6) If a person is establishing identity and residency by presenting a written oath of another registrant under subdivision (d)(3) of this section, the oath shall be on a written form provided by the Secretary of State and shall include:

(A) The following statement: "I, _____ (name of registered voter) _____, do swear or affirm under penalty of false swearing that I am a preregistered voter in this precinct or I registered to vote in this precinct today, and a registered voter did not sign an oath on my behalf. I have not signed an oath attesting to the identity and residence of any other person in this election. I am a resident of _____ precinct, city of _____, county of _____, Arkansas. I reside at _____ (street address) _____. I personally know _____ (name of registrant) _____, and I personally know that _____ (name of registrant) _____ is a resident of the _____ precinct, city of _____, county of _____, Arkansas.";

(B) A space for the signature and printed name of the person attesting to the registrant's identity and residency;

(C) A space for the person attesting to the registrant's identity and residency to provide a telephone number if he or she chooses to do so; and

(D) A space for the appropriate election official to sign an affirmation that the oath was subscribed and sworn before him or her.