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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1868

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD TO BE USED TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW A DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD TO BE USED TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER IDENTIFICATION; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(B), concerning verification of voter registration, is amended to read as follows:

(B) A document or identification card may be presented in a digital format on an electronic device if the document or identification card:

(1) Complies with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section; and

(2) The digital format has been approved or issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited-post-secondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas.

(C) Documents and identification cards that comply with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section include without



limitation:

- (i) A driver's license;
- (ii) A photo identification card;
- (iii) A concealed handgun carry license;
- (iv) A United States passport;
- (v) An employee badge or identification document issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas;
- (vi) A United States military identification document;
- (vii) A public assistance identification card if the card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued; and
- (viii) A voter verification card under Arkansas Code § 7-5-324.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(39), concerning the definition of "verification of voter registration", is amended to read as follows:

(39)(A) "Verification of voter registration" means:

(i) Presenting a document or identification card when appearing to vote in person that:

(a) Shows the name of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;

(b) Shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;

(c) Is issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas; and

(d) If displaying an expiration date, is not expired or expired no more than four (4) years before the date of the election in which the voter seeks to vote; or

(ii) Submitting with an absentee ballot verification of voter registration in the form of a copy of a document or identification card that complies with the requirements of subdivision (39)(A)(i) of this section.

(B) A document or identification card may be presented in

a digital format on an electronic device if the document or identification card:

(1) Complies with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section; and

(2) The digital format has been approved or issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited-post-secondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas.

(C) Documents and identification cards that comply with the requirements of subdivision (39)(A) of this section include without limitation:

- (i) A driver's license;
- (ii) A photo identification card;
- (iii) A concealed handgun carry license;
- (iv) A United States passport;
- (v) An employee badge or identification document issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas;
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- (vii) A public assistance identification card if the card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued; and
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