

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 160

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SAMPLE BALLOTS; TO ALLOW VOLUMINOUS NUMBERS OF SAMPLE BALLOTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY OTHER MEANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SAMPLE BALLOTS; AND TO ALLOW VOLUMINOUS NUMBERS OF SAMPLE BALLOTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY OTHER MEANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(c), concerning the posting of sample ballots at the polling place, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) On the day of any election, the following shall be posted at each polling site and remain posted continuously therein until the polls close:

~~(1)(A)~~ The public notice required in subsection (a) of this section;

~~(2)(B)(i)~~ At least two (2) sample ballots, marked with the word "SAMPLE", of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site; or

~~(3)(ii)~~ If the polling site has more than fifteen (15) ballot styles and has posted a sample ballot for each ballot style via an internet website before the beginning of early voting, the polling site may provide the following in lieu of the sample ballots under subdivision



(c)(1)(B)(i) of this section:

(a) At least two (2) bound volumes that include each sample ballot, marked with the word "SAMPLE"; or

(b) At least one (1) bound volume that includes each sample ballot, marked with the word "SAMPLE", and at least one (1) electronic device that allows voters to access a sample ballot for each ballot style;

(C) Two (2) copies of the full text of all measures on the ballot;

~~(4)~~(D) At least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot and instructions for fail-safe voting;

~~(5)~~(E) General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;

~~(6)~~(F) General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation;

~~(7)~~(A)(G)(i) Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE".

~~(B)~~(ii) Each sign shall be at least two feet ~~(2')~~ by two feet ~~(2')~~ (2' x 2') in size and shall contain an arrow pointing to the polling site.

~~(C)~~(iii) A sign shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site on each public street bordering the polling site so as to be visible to all traffic approaching the polling site.

~~(D)~~(iv) The sign shall be as close as possible to the public street without obstructing traffic; and

~~(8)~~(H) One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

(2) If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under subdivision (c)(1)(B)(ii) of this section, the county shall ensure the bound volumes or electronic databases are organized so that a voter may easily identify the sample ballot corresponding with his or her precinct-part.

/s/B. Ballinger