

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

By: Senators K. Hammer, M. Johnson, Beckham, J. English, Flippo, Irvin, B. Johnson, Rapert, Rice, B. Sample, G. Stubblefield, J. Sturch, D. Sullivan, D. Wallace

By: Representatives Lowery, Brown, Barker, Beaty Jr., Beck, Bentley, S. Berry, Boyd, Bragg, Brooks, Carr, Cavanaugh, Christiansen, Cloud, Coleman, Cozart, Crawford, Dalby, M. Davis, Eaves, Eubanks, Evans, L. Fite, Gazaway, Gonzales, Haak, Hawks, Hollowell, Ladyman, Lundstrum, Maddox, McCollum, McGrew, McNair, S. Meeks, Payton, Penzo, Pilkington, Richmond, Rye, B. Smith, S. Smith, Speaks, Vaught, Warren, Watson, Wing, *M. Berry, C. Cooper, M. Gray, Wooten*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND VOTED BALLOTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXAMINATION AND COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967 AND VOTED BALLOTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b), concerning the examination and copying of public records under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(27)(A) Ballots, other than sample ballots, unless otherwise ordered by a court of law;



(B) Subdivision (b)(27)(A) of this section does not apply to a poll watcher during an election, who shall be allowed to inspect a voter statement and ballot while ensuring the secrecy of the vote is maintained and subject to reasonable restrictions prescribed by the State Board of Election Commissioners.

/s/K. Hammer