

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 216

By: Senator C. Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE WAITING TIME TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION PROCEDURES; TO ALLOW A CITIZEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE WAITING TIME TO VOTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE WAITING TIME TO VOTE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND TO ALLOW A CITIZEN COMPLAINT CONCERNING THE WAITING TIME TO VOTE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-5-325. Voting within one hour.

(a) All qualified electors shall be given the opportunity to vote within one (1) hour of arriving at a polling location on election day.

(b)(1) A county board of election commissioners shall establish polling sites and voting equipment in an adequate number to ensure the requirement of subsection (a) of this section is met.

(2) A county board of election commissioners shall use the following information to establish the adequate number of polling sites and voting equipment:

(A) The number of voters at a polling site for the previous election type;



(B) The average time per voter to execute a ballot;

(C) The number of voting machines previously used at the polling location; and

(D) The amount of time voters waited at the polling place for the previous election.

(c) If a citizen waits more than one (1) hour to vote, a citizen may file a complaint with the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(d) If the State Board of Election Commissioners finds a county board of election commissioners is unable to adequately meet the requirement of subsection (a) of this section, the State Board of Election Commissioners shall establish the number of polling sites the county board of election commissioners must have for the next election to ensure that the requirement of subsection (a) of this section is met.