

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 293

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIRED POSTINGS AT A POLLING SITE; TO AMEND THE LIST CONCERNING REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICES, INFORMATION, AND MATERIAL AT A POLLING SITE ON ELECTION DAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIRED POSTINGS AT A POLLING SITE; AND TO AMEND THE LIST CONCERNING REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICES, INFORMATION, AND MATERIAL AT A POLLING SITE ON ELECTION DAY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(c)(1), concerning public notice of elections, 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:

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

(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.

(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)(i) Two (2) copies of the full text of all measures on the ballot.

(ii) Copies posted under subdivision (c)(1)(C)(i) of this section shall include a copy of the concise abstract prepared and distributed under § 7-9-114;

(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;

(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;

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

(ii) Information about the availability of the Attorney General's ~~election law violation hotline~~ Election Integrity Unit, including without limitation the ~~hotline~~ telephone number of the Attorney General's election law violation hotline established under § 7-4-305;

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

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

(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.

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

(H)(i) One (1) printout from each voting machine,

terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

(ii) A poll worker shall produce one (1) printout from each machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0) and all poll workers present shall sign the printout.

(iii) A poll worker shall post the printout upon the wall of the polling room where it shall remain throughout the election day;

(I) A copy of the poll watcher rights and responsibilities;

(J) A notice stating that if any voter needs assistance, the voter may ask a poll worker;

(K) A notice on electioneering, to be posted inside the polling site; and

(L)(i) During preferential primary election and nonjudicial elections, the following additional postings:

(a) A posting containing an example of the primary ballot's selections; and

(b) A notice that:

(1) States "CROSSOVER VOTING IS A CRIME";

(2) Explains crossover voting; and

(3) States the penalties for a violation of crossover voting laws under § 7-1-103(a)(18)(B) and § 7-1-104(a)(10).

(ii) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall provide a standard form for a sign under subdivision (c)(1)(L)(i)(b) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(n), concerning poll watchers, candidates, or designees and rights and challenges of a voter's ballot, is amended to read as follows:

(n) Poll watcher rights and responsibilities shall be posted in plain view at each ~~polling site~~, absentee ballot processing site, and counting site.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-518(c), concerning voting machines

being inactivated until the polls open, is amended to read as follows:

~~(c)(1) The poll workers shall produce one (1) printout from each machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (000) and shall sign and post the printout upon the wall of the polling room, where it shall remain throughout the election day.~~

~~(2)~~ After the close of voting on election day, the certified printout, signed by the poll workers, shall be:

~~(A)(1)~~ Returned to the county board of election commissioners; and

~~(B)(2)~~ Filed with the election returns.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-611(d)(2) and (3), concerning preparation of electronic vote tabulating devices and disposition of voting material, is amended to read as follows:

~~(2) The poll workers shall sign and post the printout upon the wall of the polling room where it shall remain throughout the election day.~~

~~(3)~~ The certified printout shall be filed with the election returns.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-9-114(b), concerning the abstract of a proposed measure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Not less than eighteen (18) days before the election, the Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of the abstract to the county boards of election commissioners, ~~who shall cause copies to be printed and posted conspicuously at all polling places in the county for the information of the voters.~~

/s/K. Hammer