

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 296

By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF
AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION BY THE COUNTY CLERK; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
DESIGNATION OF AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION
BY THE COUNTY CLERK.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(d)(1), concerning the establishment and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) ~~Except for school elections under § 6-14-106, the~~ The polling sites for each election shall be the same as those established for the immediately preceding general election unless changed by order of the county board of election commissioners.

(B) Subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section does not apply to:

(i) A school election under § 6-14-106; or
(ii) An additional early voting location chosen by the county board of election commissioners.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-401(b), concerning the duties of the county clerk, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county clerk shall be furnished a suitable room at the county



courthouse or other location within the county seat designated for the purpose of exercising all the powers and duties concerning the application for, the issuance of, and the voting of absentee and early voting ballots required by law of the county clerk.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A), concerning early voting, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk's designated early voting location within the county seat, beginning fifteen (15) days before a preferential primary or general election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(b)(1)(B), concerning early voting, is amended to read as follows:

(B) ~~The~~ For each election, the county board of election commissioners shall determine by unanimous vote the location of additional polling sites for early voting.