

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 299

By: Senator K. Hammer
By: Representative A. Brown

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH ABSENTEE VOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH ABSENTEE VOTING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(3), concerning designated bearers, authorized agents, and administrators, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) At least one (1) long-term care or residential care facility staff member shall witness the administrator assist the voter by marking a ballot on behalf of the voter without any comment or interpretation.

(B) An administrator may deliver the absentee ballot to the county clerk for any voter who names the administrator on his or her application and voter statement.

~~(B)~~(C) Absentee ballots may be delivered to the county clerk in person by the administrator or by mail.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(4)(E), concerning designated



bearers, authorized agents, and administrators for residents of a long-term care facility, is amended to read as follows:

(E) That the administrator understands that Arkansas law requires that at least one (1) long-term care or residential care facility staff member is required to witness the administrator assist the voter by marking ~~or casting~~ a ballot on behalf of the voter without any comment or interpretation.

/s/K. Hammer