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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE ACT; TO
10 MODIFY THE CONTENTS OF DRIVER'S LICENSES; TO AMEND
11 THE CONTENTS OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR CERTAIN
12 NONCITIZENS; TO CREATE A TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR
13 ELECTION OFFICIALS REGARDING THE DRIVER'S LICENSES OF
14 CERTAIN NONCITIZENS; TO CREATE A REPORTING
15 REQUIREMENT FOR THE DRIVER'S LICENSES OF CERTAIN
16 NONCITIZENS; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,
17 AMENDMENT 51, SECTION 13; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 TO CREATE THE ONLY CITIZENS VOTE ACT; TO
22 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DRIVER'S
23 LICENSES OF CERTAIN NONCITIZENS; AND TO
24 AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT
25 51, SECTION 13.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

30 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Only Citizens Vote
31 Act".
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33 SECTION 2. Under the authority permitted under Arkansas Constitution,
34 Amendment 51, § 19, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(C),
35 concerning verification of voter registration, is amended to read as follows:
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(C) Documents and identification cards that comply with



1 the requirements of subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section include without
 2 limitation:

- 3 (i) A driver's license, except as provided by
 4 Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C);
- 5 (ii) A photo identification card;
- 6 (iii) A concealed handgun carry license;
- 7 (iv) A United States passport;
- 8 (v) An employee badge or identification document
 9 issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of
 10 Arkansas;
- 11 (vi) A United States military identification
 12 document;
- 13 (vii) A public assistance identification card if the
 14 card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification
 15 card was issued; and
- 16 (viii) A voter verification card under Arkansas Code
 17 § 7-5-324.

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 19 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(40)(C)(i), concerning the documents
 20 and identification cards that meet the definition of "verification of voter
 21 registration" used in relation to elections, is amended to read as follows:

- 22 (i) A driver's license, except as provided under §
 23 27-16-801(b)(2)(C);

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 25 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-4-109(e)(2)(D), concerning the
 26 qualifications of state and county election commissioners, election
 27 officials, poll workers, and certified election monitors, is amended to read
 28 as follows:

29 (D)(i) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall
 30 promulgate rules under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201
 31 et seq., concerning the training requirements, materials, and examination of
 32 essential skills.

- 33 (ii) The training required under subdivision
 34 (e)(2)(D)(i) of this section shall include instruction on recognizing and
 35 refusing the acceptance of driver's licenses that are not valid for voter
 36 identification purposes under § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C).

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

4 7-5-113. Reporting of persons holding a noncitizen driver's license.

5 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration
6 shall prepare and deliver to the Secretary of State a monthly report listing
7 the names and identifying information of each person holding a driver's
8 license who has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa
9 status for entry into the United States.

10 (b)(1) Upon receipt of the report prepared under subsection (a) of
11 this section, the Secretary of State shall verify if any person listed in the
12 report is listed in the voter registration record files maintained by the
13 Secretary of State.

14 (2) If a person listed in the Secretary of the Department of
15 Finance and Administration's monthly report is found to be registered as a
16 voter in the Secretary of States's voter registration record files:

17 (A) The Secretary of State shall notify the county clerk
18 of the county in which the person is registered to vote of the identity of
19 that person;

20 (B) The county clerk of the county who receives
21 notification of a person under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall
22 cancel the registration to vote of the person identified under subdivision
23 (b)(2)(A) of this section; and

24 (C) The Secretary of State shall notify the Secretary of
25 the Department of Finance and Administration of the identity of a person who
26 was found to be registered as a voter in the Secretary of State's voter
27 registration files and who had their voter registration canceled under
28 subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section.

29 (c) Upon a notification under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section,
30 the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall
31 immediately suspend the driver's license of the person who is listed in the
32 Secretary of the Department of Finance's monthly report and is registered as
33 a voter in the voter registration record files maintained by the Secretary of
34 State under § 27-16-907.

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36 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(a)(1), effective February 1,

1 2025, concerning the types of licenses that may be issued by the Office of
2 Driver Services, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
3 follows:

4 (C) A license issued to a person who has a valid,
5 unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the
6 United States shall expire no later than the expiration date of the valid,
7 unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the
8 United States.

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10 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(1), effective February 1,
11 2025, concerning the contents required to be contained on the face of a
12 driver's license, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
13 follows:

14 (C) If the licensee has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant
15 visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the United States, the
16 license shall clearly display on its face the phrase "Non-Citizen".

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18 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b)(2)(C), effective February 1,
19 2025, concerning the purposes for which a driver's license is valid, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (C)(i) A license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C) or
22 subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section is not valid for:

23 (a) Federal identification purposes; or

24 (b) Voter identification purposes.

25 (ii) The license issued under subdivision (a)(1)(C)
26 or subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section shall clearly display on its face
27 the phrase "Not valid for federal identification purposes or voter
28 identification purposes".

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30 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(e), effective February 1, 2025,
31 concerning the administrative requirements for the issuance of a driver's
32 license, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

33 (6)(i) A license issued to a person who has a valid, unexpired
34 nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the United
35 States shall be distinctive in appearance from the regular driver's license
36 issued to a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

1 (ii) A license issued to a person who has a valid,
 2 unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the
 3 United States shall be printed in a vertical or portrait format.
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5 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 27-16-907(b), concerning the basis for
 6 suspending a license by the Office of Driver Services, is amended to add an
 7 additional subdivision to read as follows:

8 (9) Was found by the Secretary of State under § 7-5-113 to be:

9 (A) Registered as a voter in the voter registration record
 10 files maintained by the Secretary of State; and

11 (B) Listed in the monthly report of the Secretary of the
 12 Department of Finance and Administration listing each person holding a
 13 driver's license who has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant
 14 visa status for entry into the United States.
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