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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 296

5 By: Senator K. Hammer
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
16 DESIGNATION OF AN EARLY VOTING LOCATION
17 BY THE COUNTY CLERK.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-101(d)(1), concerning the establishment
22 and alteration of precinct boundaries, polling sites, and vote centers, is
23 amended to read as follows:

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

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

30 (i) A school election under § 6-14-106; or
31 (ii) An additional early voting location chosen by
32 the county board of election commissioners.
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-401(b), concerning the duties of the
35 county clerk, is amended to read as follows:

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



1 courthouse or other location within the county seat designated for the
2 purpose of exercising all the powers and duties concerning the application
3 for, the issuance of, and the voting of absentee and early voting ballots
4 required by law of the county clerk.
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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A), concerning early voting,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (a)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section,
9 early voting shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the
10 county clerk's designated early voting location within the county seat,
11 beginning fifteen (15) days before a preferential primary or general election
12 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00
13 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the
14 election.
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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418(b)(1)(B), concerning early voting,
17 is amended to read as follows:

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