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A Bill

SENATE BILL 578

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5 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EARLY VOTING; TO
10 ALLOW A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO
11 CLOSE CERTAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS DURING INCLEMENT
12 WEATHER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-418, concerning early voting locations,
25 is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

26 (h)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (h)(3) of this section, the
27 county board of election commissioners may call an emergency meeting held in
28 person or by electronic means to close one (1) or more early voting locations
29 for one (1) or more days due to inclement weather.

30 (2) An emergency meeting called under subdivision (h)(1) of this
31 section shall require a unanimous vote by the county board of election
32 commissioners to close an early voting location.

33 (3) The county board of election commissioners shall not close
34 at least one (1) early voting location in the county seat that shall remain
35 open every day that is designated for early voting.

36 (4) As used in this subsection, "county seat" means the same as



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