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As Engrossed: S3/10/25

A Bill

SENATE BILL 299

5 By: Senator K. Hammer
6 By: Representative A. Brown
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN
16 ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A
17 LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH
18 ABSENTEE VOTING.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(3), concerning designated
24 bearers, authorized agents, and administrators, is amended to read as
25 follows:

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

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

33 ~~(B)~~(C) Absentee ballots may be delivered to the county
34 clerk in person by the administrator or by mail.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(4)(E), concerning designated



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

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

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/s/K. Hammer

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