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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1925

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

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS;
10 TO AMEND THE ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTER STATEMENT; TO
11 REQUIRE A WITNESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF AN ABSENTEE
12 VOTER STATEMENT; 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 § 7-5-409(b)(4)(A)(iii), concerning the
25 materials furnished to qualified electors for absentee ballots, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (iii) The voter statement shall include the
28 following statement in bold capitalized letters at the bottom of the page: "I
29 AM DULY QUALIFIED TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION ACCORDING TO THE ARKANSAS
30 CONSTITUTION, I HAVE NOT YET VOTED DURING THIS ELECTION, THE BALLOT OR
31 BALLOTS CONTAINED IN THIS ENVELOPE IS MY BALLOT, AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO
32 ASSISTANCE IN VOTING MY BALLOT THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
33 HAD I VOTED IN PERSON AT MY VOTING PRECINCT. THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED
34 IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. IF I HAVE
35 PROVIDED FALSE INFORMATION, I MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO TEN THOUSAND
36 DOLLARS (\$10,000) OR IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TEN (10) YEARS, OR BOTH, UNDER



1 FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS.”

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-409(b)(4)(C), concerning the materials
4 furnished to qualified electors for absentee ballots, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (C)(i) The voter statement shall include a sworn statement
7 portion that may be completed by the voter stating that the voter is
8 registered to vote and that he or she is the person who is registered.

9 (ii) The sworn statement portion of the voter
10 statement is not required to be notarized, but the voter shall execute the
11 sworn statement under penalty of perjury.

12 (iii)(a) The signing of the sworn statement shall be
13 witnessed by at least one (1) individual who is eighteen (18) years of age or
14 older.

15 (b) The witnessing requirement under
16 subdivision (b)(4)(C)(iii)(a) of this section shall not apply to a voter who
17 has applied for his or her absentee ballot due to one (1) of the following,
18 as evidenced by his or her absentee voting application:

19 (1) The voter is unable to attend the
20 polls on election day because of an illness or physical disability;

21 (2) The voter is a resident of a long-
22 term care or residential facility licensed by the state;

23 (3) The voter is unable to attend the
24 polls on election day due to an observance of a religious discipline or
25 religious holiday; or

26 (4) The voter:

27 (a) Is in active service as a
28 member of the armed services of the United States or the voter is a spouse or
29 a dependent of a person who is in active service as a member of the armed
30 services of the United States; and

31 (b) Resides outside the county.

32 (D) Blank fields shall be provided for the witness of the
33 sworn statement's signature to provide his or her:

34 (i) Printed name;

35 (ii) Signature; and

36 (iii) Mailing address;

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