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# 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

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

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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23 **APPROVED: 3/12/25**  
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