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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1485

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF
ELECTION OFFICIALS AND ELECTION OFFICERS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1485.

Amend House Bill No. 1485 as originally introduced:

Page 26, delete lines 6 through 9 and substitute the following:

"(d)(1) If a poll worker fails to appear at his or her designated polling place at the time designated by the county board of election commissioners on election day, the county board of election commissioners may appoint a qualified person to replace the absent poll worker.

(2) However, if the absent poll worker was recommended by the minority party representative to the county board of election commissioners, then the minority party representative may recommend a qualified person to replace the absent poll worker and the county board of election commissioners shall appoint that person as the replacement."

AND

Page 28, line 33, delete "delegate all its" and substitute "delegate any of its"

AND

Page 31, delete line 18 and substitute the following:

"Election Commissioners.

(7)(A) Each county board of election commissioners shall certify to the State Board of Election Commissioners the amount of compensation paid to the county election coordinator for services related to elections.

(B)(i) A county that receives reimbursement for general election expenses exceeding the amount of compensation paid to the county election coordinator for services related to elections shall spend an amount equal to the excess for the improvement of the administration of elections in that county.

(ii) The county board of election commissioners of a county receiving excess reimbursement shall certify compliance with the requirement of subdivision (d)(7)(B)(i) of this section to the State Board of Election Commissioners in a manner prescribed by the State Board of Election



Commissioners.

(iii) Failure to comply with the requirements of subdivision (d)(7)(B)(i) of this section shall result in the county forfeiting all or part of its reimbursement for the next state-funded election.

(C) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall promulgate rules for administering the requirements of this subdivision (d)(7), including without limitation rules concerning determining excess payments and proper expenditures for excess payments and setting the dates for certification of compensation and compliance."

AND

Page 34, line 25, delete "(a)(1)" and substitute "(a)(1)(A)"

AND

Page 34, delete line 31 and substitute the following:

"registered voter of the county.

(B) An election judge, election sheriff, election clerk, or a member of the county board of election commissioners who is an employee of the United States, the State of Arkansas, or any city shall be disqualified if challenged by a registered voter of the county."

AND

Page 40, delete lines 33 through 36

AND

Page 41, delete lines 1 and 2

AND

Page 41, line 4, delete "7-4-126" and substitute "7-4-125"

AND

Page 42, line 21, delete "7-4-127" and substitute "7-4-126"

AND

Page 43, line 36, delete "7-4-128" and substitute "7-4-127"

AND

Page 44, delete lines 17 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(a)(1) The cost of general elections shall be borne by the State of Arkansas.

(2) All expenses The cost of general elections for presidential, congressional, state, district, county, township, or municipal offices in this state shall be paid by the counties in which they are held paid from an

appropriation made to the State Board of Election Commissioners for that purpose.

~~(2)(3) However, any city or incorporated town shall reimburse the county board of election commissioners for the expenses of the elections in an amount equal to a figure derived by multiplying fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of each election by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of voters from the city or incorporated town casting ballots in each election prepared by the county board, and the denominator of which shall be the total number of voters casting ballots in each election~~ the State Board of Election Commissioners may withhold reimbursement of funds to the counties for state-funded elections for failure to comply with the rules developed by the State Board of Election Commissioners for the administration of elections or applicable state election laws until all requirements are met to the satisfaction of the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(4) The State Board of Election Commissioners may adopt rules for the administration and compensation of elections consistent with this chapter."

AND

Page 45, delete line 2 and substitute "~~201 et seq., all expenses~~ Expenses for special elections, ~~including runoff~~"

AND

Page 45, line 29, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE-DO NOT CODIFY. (a) This act shall not be effective unless appropriation and funding is authorized by law in the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the State Board of Election Commissioners to reimburse the counties for costs of conducting general elections.

(b) The requirement of § 7-4-112(a) is not mandatory until funding is provided for that purpose."

The Amendment was read _____

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