

ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 614

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PAID CANVASSERS; TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF PAID CANVASSERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 614

Amend Senate Bill No. 614 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 30, and substitute the following:

"resident of this state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-9-109, concerning the form of verification for petitions and the penalty for false statements, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(e) A canvasser who witnesses signatures on a petition part but knowingly allows another canvasser who did not witness all signatures on a petition part to execute a false verification affidavit with respect to that petition part commits a Class D felony.

(f) A sponsor, sponsor's agent, or representative commits a Class D felony if a sponsor, sponsor's agent, or representative:

(1) Knowingly pays a canvasser for petitioner signatures on a petition part not personally witnessed by that paid canvasser; or

(2) Knowingly submits to the Secretary of State a petition part where the verifying canvasser has not witnessed each signature on that petition part."

AND

Page 2, delete line 14, and substitute the following:

"paid canvasser to be registered with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-9-601(b), concerning the hiring and training of paid canvassers, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(5) The sponsor shall bear the ultimate burden of proving that a paid canvasser registered by the sponsor does not have a disqualifying conviction in an administrative proceeding or judicial proceeding."



AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator B. Davis

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