

# Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023

## Amendment Form

---

### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1419

TO CREATE THE ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL ARKANSANS AND VOTER PROTECTION ACT OF 2023;  
TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FILING OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE PETITION AND  
REFERENDUM PETITION; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING STATEWIDE PETITIONS.

---

### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1419

Amend House Bill No. 1419 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Gazaway, B. McKenzie as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senator Hester as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 and 15, and substitute the following:  
"CONCERNING STATEWIDE PETITIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute the following:

"TO CREATE THE ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL  
ARKANSANS AND VOTER PROTECTION ACT OF  
2023; TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR THE  
FILING OF A BALLOT INITIATIVE AND  
REFERENDUM PETITION; AND TO DECLARE AN  
EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 2, line 5, delete "a minimum of" and substitute "at least"

AND

Page 2, line 7, delete "a minimum of" and substitute "at least"



AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "three-fourths (3/4)" and substitute "one-half (1/2)"

AND

Page 2, line 12, delete "from fifty" and substitute "from at least fifty"

AND

Page 2, line 14, delete "a minimum of" and substitute "at least"

AND

Page 2, line 15, delete "three-fourths (3/4)" and substitute "one-half (1/2)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 23, and substitute the following:  
"the insufficiency of the petition on its face.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the laws of the State of Arkansas apply to all Arkansans; that there is a need to increase participation from all parts of Arkansas in the process of obtaining signatures on initiative petitions and referendum petitions; that broad participation in the initiative and referendum process ensures the public health, safety, and welfare of all Arkansans by allowing citizens to exercise their constitutional rights; and that this act is immediately necessary because there is a need to enhance and protect Arkansans' voices in the ballot initiative and referendum process. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Underwood  
MLD/MLD - 02-20-2023 12:10:21  
MLD230

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk