



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1753

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION; TO OPT-OUT OF THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, ? 5.

Sponsor:

Rep. Long

Basic Change:

HB1753 amends Amendment 51 of the Arkansas Constitution to opt-out of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and to change the way voter registration applications are provided by voter registration agencies. Under current law, a voter registration agency must provide a voter registration application to an individual seeking services from the agency. Voter registration agencies include:

- State Revenue Offices/the Office of Driver Services of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA);
- Public assistance agencies;
- Disabilities agencies;
- Recruitment offices of the Armed Forces;
- Public libraries; and
- Offices of the Arkansas National Guard.

HB1753 provides that a voter registration agency is required to provide voter registration application forms to the applicant only upon request by the applicant. Additionally, the bill removes the requirement that the process used by certain voter registration agencies, including DFA, include a question to be answered by an applicant indicating whether they affirmatively opt-out of voter registration.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

Voter registration agencies will provide voter registration forms only upon request.

Resources Required:

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) Driver Services/Motor Vehicle (DSMV) will need to be modified at a project cost of \$28,000.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.



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Procedural Changes:

Updates will be required to the Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) manual and the DFA website. Training and review sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office, Office of Drivers Services, and Office of Motor Vehicle employees and staff.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 et seq., requires DFA to provide a means by which citizens can register to vote when they apply for or renew a driver's license or a state-issued identification card. HB1753 makes changes to Amendment 51 to the Arkansas Constitution to require that a voter registration agency provide voter registration application forms to an applicant upon request, rather than to affirmatively provide them to the applicant.