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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1616

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION;
9 TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER
15 REGISTRATION; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51
16 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.
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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 Constitution, Amendment 51, § 5(b)(2), concerning
22 voter registration through the Office of Driver Services and State Revenue
23 Offices, is amended to read as follows:

24 (2)(A) The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices
25 shall provide voter registration opportunities to those obtaining or renewing
26 drivers licenses, personal identification cards, duplicate or corrected
27 licenses or cards, or changing address or name whether in person or by mail.
28 The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue Offices shall use a computer
29 process, which combines the drivers license and voter registration
30 applications, minimizing duplicative information, and shall have available
31 the federal or state mail voter registration application form, which may be
32 used upon request or when the computer process is not available. If a person
33 declines to apply to register to vote, the Office of Driver Services or State
34 Revenue Office shall retain the record of declination for two (2) years.

35 (B)(i) The Office of Driver Services and State Revenue
36 Offices shall provide to the Secretary of State electronic records containing



1 the legal name, age, residence, and citizenship information for and the
2 electronic signature of each person who the Secretary of State determines by
3 rule qualifies to be automatically registered to vote.

4 (ii) Upon receipt of the electronic record for, and
5 electronic signature of, a person described in subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of
6 this section, the Secretary of State shall provide the information to the
7 county clerk of the county in which the person may be registered as an
8 elector.

9 (iii) The Secretary of State or county clerk shall
10 notify each person of the process to:

11 (a) Decline being registered as an elector;
12 and

13 (b) Adopt a political party affiliation.

14 (iv) If a person notified under subdivision
15 (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section does not decline to be registered as an
16 elector within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Secretary of State or
17 county clerk issues the notification:

18 (a) The person's electronic record and
19 electronic signature submitted under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section
20 will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of
21 this Amendment; and

22 (b) If the county clerk determines that the
23 person is qualified to vote under this Arkansas Constitution and the person
24 is not already registered to vote, the person is registered to vote.

25 (v) A county clerk shall not send a ballot to, or
26 add to an elector registration list, a person who meets eligibility
27 requirements until at least twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Secretary
28 of State or county clerk provides notice to the person under subdivision
29 (b)(2)(B)(iii) of this section.

30 (vi) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules:

31 (a) Identifying the qualifications necessary
32 to be automatically registered to vote; and

33 (b) Necessary to implement this subdivision
34 (b)(2)(B).

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