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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 169

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS
10 CONSTITUTION; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,
11 AMENDMENT 51; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE
16 ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND TO AMEND
17 ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51.
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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, § 6(a)(2), concerning
22 voter registration application forms, is amended to read as follows to
23 correct a grammatical and punctuation error:

24 (2) Such forms shall include, in identical print, statements
25 that:

- 26 (A) Specify voter eligibility requirements;
- 27 (B) Contain an attestation that the applicant meets all
28 voter eligibility requirements and that the applicant does not claim the
29 right to vote in another county or state;
- 30 (C) Specify the penalties provided by law for submission
31 of a false voter registration application;
- 32 (D) Inform applicants that where they register to vote
33 will be kept confidential;
- 34 (E) Inform applicants that declining to register will also
35 be kept confidential; ~~and~~
- 36 (F) Inform applicants that they will be required to verify



1 their registration when voting in person or by absentee ballot by providing a
 2 required document or identification card as provided in Arkansas
 3 Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13+;

4 (G) Inform the applicant that if the voter registration
 5 application is being collected by a third-party voter registration
 6 organization, the third-party voter registration organization may be unable
 7 to deliver the application to the permanent registrar in the county in which
 8 the applicant resides before the thirty-day voter registration deadline to
 9 vote in the next election and that the applicant may elect to deliver the
 10 application in person or by mail; and

11 (H) Inform the applicant of the process to determine if
 12 the application has been received by the Secretary of State.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 9(a), concerning
 15 eligibility to register to vote, is amended to read as follows to correct a
 16 grammatical and punctuation error:

17 (a) All persons may register who:

18 (1) Have not been convicted of a felony unless the person's
 19 sentence has been discharged or the person has been pardoned;

20 (2) Have not been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of
 21 competent jurisdiction; ~~and~~

22 (3) Meet one (1) of the following requirements:

23 (A) Are qualified electors who have not previously
 24 registered;

25 (B) Will become qualified electors during the thirty-day
 26 period immediately prior to the next election scheduled within the county; or

27 (C) Are otherwise qualified electors but whose
 28 registration has been cancelled in a manner provided for by this amendment+;
 29 and

30 (4) Are citizens of the United States.

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 32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 11(a), concerning
 33 cancellation of voter registrations, is amended to read as follows to correct
 34 a grammatical and punctuation error:

35 (a) It shall be the duty of the permanent registrar to cancel the
 36 registration of voters:

1 (1) Who have failed to respond to address confirmation mailings
 2 described in section 10 of this amendment and have not voted or appeared to
 3 vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and
 4 ending on the day after the date of the second general election for federal
 5 office that occurs after the date of the address confirmation notice;

6 (2) Who have changed their residence to an address outside the
 7 county;

8 (3) Who have died;

9 (4) Who have been convicted of a felony and have not discharged
 10 their sentence or been pardoned;

11 (5) Who are not lawfully qualified or registered electors of
 12 this state or of the county; ~~or~~

13 (6) Who have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of
 14 competent jurisdiction; or

15 (7) Who are not citizens of the United States.

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 17 SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

18 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

19 (1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly
 20 or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-
 21 Fifth General Assembly;

22 (2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the
 23 regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

24 (A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth
 25 General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General
 26 Assembly for the purposes of:

27 (i) Giving the act of the regular session of the
 28 Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

29 (ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of
 30 the Arkansas Constitution; and

31 (B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

32 (3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes
 33 to the Arkansas Constitution.

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