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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 293

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIRED  
10 POSTINGS AT A POLLING SITE; TO AMEND THE LIST  
11 CONCERNING REQUIRED POSTING OF NOTICES, INFORMATION,  
12 AND MATERIAL AT A POLLING SITE ON ELECTION DAY; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-202(c)(1), concerning public notice of  
26 elections, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c)(1) On the day of any election, the following shall be posted at  
28 each polling site and remain posted continuously therein until the polls  
29 close:

30 (A) The public notice of election required in subsection  
31 (a) of this section;

32 (B)(i) At least two (2) sample ballots, marked with the  
33 word "SAMPLE", of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.

34 (ii) If the polling site has more than fifteen (15)  
35 ballot styles and has posted a sample ballot for each ballot style via an  
36 internet website before the beginning of early voting, the polling site may



1 provide the following in lieu of the sample ballots under subdivision  
2 (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section:

3 (a) At least two (2) bound volumes that  
4 include each sample ballot, marked with the word "SAMPLE"; or

5 (b) At least one (1) bound volume that  
6 includes each sample ballot, marked with the word "SAMPLE", and at least one  
7 (1) electronic device that allows voters to access a sample ballot for each  
8 ballot style;

9 (C)(i) Two (2) copies of the full text of all measures on  
10 the ballot.

11 (ii) Copies posted under subdivision (c)(1)(C)(i) of  
12 this section shall include a copy of the concise abstract prepared and  
13 distributed under § 7-9-114;

14 (D) At least two (2) copies of instructions on how to  
15 vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot and instructions for fail-  
16 safe voting;

17 (E) General information on voting rights under applicable  
18 federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual  
19 to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the  
20 appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated;

21 (F)(i) General information on federal and state laws  
22 regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation; and

23 (ii) Information about the availability of the  
24 Attorney General's ~~election law violation hotline~~ Election Integrity Unit,  
25 including without limitation the ~~hotline~~ telephone number of the Attorney  
26 General's election law violation hotline established under § 7-4-305;

27 (G)(i) Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE  
28 HERE".

29 (ii) Each sign shall be at least two feet by two feet  
30 (2' x 2') in size and shall contain an arrow pointing to the polling site.

31 (iii) A sign shall be posted near each main driveway  
32 entrance to the polling site on each public street bordering the polling site  
33 so as to be visible to all traffic approaching the polling site.

34 (iv) The sign shall be as close as possible to the  
35 public street without obstructing traffic; ~~and~~

36 (H)(i) One (1) printout from each voting machine,

1 terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question  
2 counters register zero (0).

3 (ii) A poll worker shall produce one (1) printout  
4 from each machine showing whether the candidate and question counters  
5 register zero (0) and all poll workers present shall sign the printout.

6 (iii) A poll worker shall post the printout upon the  
7 wall of the polling room where it shall remain throughout the election day;

8 (I) A copy of the poll watcher rights and  
9 responsibilities;

10 (J) A notice stating that if any voter needs assistance,  
11 the voter may ask a poll worker;

12 (K) A notice on electioneering, to be posted inside the  
13 polling site; and

14 (L)(i) During preferential primary election and  
15 nonjudicial elections, the following additional postings:

16 (a) A posting containing an example of the  
17 primary ballot's selections; and

18 (b) A notice that:

19 (1) States "CROSSOVER VOTING IS A  
20 CRIME";

21 (2) Explains crossover voting; and

22 (3) States the penalties for a violation  
23 of crossover voting laws under § 7-1-103 and § 7-1-104.

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25 (ii) The State Board of Election Commissioners shall  
26 provide a standard form for a sign under subdivision (c)(1)(L)(i)(b) of this  
27 section.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-312(n), concerning poll watchers,  
30 candidates, or designees and rights and challenges of a voter's ballot, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (n) Poll watcher rights and responsibilities shall be posted in plain  
33 view at each ~~polling site~~, absentee ballot processing site, and counting  
34 site.

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-518(c), concerning voting machines

1 being inactivated until the polls open, is amended to read as follows:

2 (c)~~(1)~~ The poll workers shall produce one ~~(1)~~ printout from each  
3 machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero  
4 ~~(000)~~ and shall sign and post the printout upon the wall of the polling room,  
5 where it shall remain throughout the election day.

6 ~~(2)~~ After the close of voting on election day, the certified  
7 printout, signed by the poll workers, shall be:

8 ~~(A)~~(1) Returned to the county board of election  
9 commissioners; and

10 ~~(B)~~(2) Filed with the election returns.

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-611(d)(2) and (3), concerning  
13 preparation of electronic vote tabulating devices and disposition of voting  
14 material, is amended to read as follows:

15 (2) ~~The poll workers shall sign and post the printout upon the~~  
16 ~~wall of the polling room where it shall remain throughout the election day.~~

17 ~~(3)~~ The certified printout shall be filed with the election  
18 returns.

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20 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-9-114(b), concerning the abstract of a  
21 proposed measure, is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) Not less than eighteen (18) days before the election, the  
23 Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of the abstract to the  
24 county boards of election commissioners, ~~who shall cause copies to be printed~~  
25 ~~and posted conspicuously at all polling places in the county for the~~  
26 ~~information of the voters.~~

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28 /s/K. Hammer

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