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A Bill

SENATE BILL 299

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTER ASSISTANCE;
10 TO REQUIRE A PERSON ASSISTING A VOTER AT A POLLING
11 SITE TO PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; TO REQUIRE A
12 STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A
13 RESIDENT OF A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY
14 WITH ABSENTEE VOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO REQUIRE A PERSON ASSISTING A VOTER TO
19 PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION; AND TO
20 REQUIRE A STAFF MEMBER TO WITNESS AN
21 ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTING A RESIDENT OF A
22 LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH
23 ABSENTEE VOTING.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-310(b)(2)(B), concerning who may assist
28 voters with disabilities at the polling machine, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 (B) A person named by the voter who:

31 (i) Is present in the polling site; and

32 (ii) Presents a document or identification card that
33 meets the requirements of Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-310(b)(5), concerning assisting voters
36 with disabilities, is amended to read as follows:



1 (5)(A) It shall be the duty of the poll workers at the polling
2 site to make and maintain a list of the names and addresses of all persons
3 assisting voters.

4 (B) The list shall contain the name of the assistor as it
5 appears on the document or identification card presented by the assistor
6 under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this section.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(3), concerning designated
9 bearers, authorized agents, and administrators, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (3)(A) At least one (1) long-term care or residential care
12 facility staff member shall witness the administrator assist the voter by
13 marking or delivering a ballot on behalf of the voter without any comment or
14 interpretation.

15 (B) An administrator may deliver the absentee ballot to
16 the county clerk for any voter who names the administrator on his or her
17 application and voter statement.

18 ~~(B)(C)~~ Absentee ballots may be delivered to the county
19 clerk in person by the administrator or by mail.

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21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-5-403(d)(4)(E), concerning designated
22 bearers, authorized agents, and administrators for residents of a long-term
23 care facility, is amended to read as follows:

24 (E) That the administrator understands that Arkansas law
25 requires that at least one (1) long-term care or residential care facility
26 staff member is required to witness the administrator assist the voter by
27 marking or ~~casting~~ delivering a ballot on behalf of the voter without any
28 comment or interpretation.