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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1037

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS WHO  
10 MAY REGISTER TO VOTE; AMENDING PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS  
11 CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, UNDER THE AUTHORITY  
12 GRANTED BY ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 51, § 19;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS  
18 WHO MAY REGISTER TO VOTE; AND AMENDING  
19 PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,  
20 AMENDMENT 51, UNDER THE AUTHORITY  
21 GRANTED BY ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,  
22 AMENDMENT 51, § 19.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 6(a)(6)(B),  
27 concerning voter registration application forms, is amended under the  
28 authority granted by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 19, to read as  
29 follows:

30 (B) ~~“Will you be eighteen (18) years of age on or before~~  
31 ~~election day~~ Are you sixteen (16) years of age or older?”;  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 9(a), concerning  
34 applications to register to vote, is amended under the authority granted by  
35 Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 19, to read as follows:

36 (a) All persons may register who:



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

3 (2) Have not been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of  
4 competent jurisdiction; and

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

6 (A) Are qualified electors who have not previously  
7 registered;

8 (B) ~~Will~~ Except as provided in subsection (m) of this  
9 section, will become qualified electors during the thirty-day period  
10 immediately prior to the next election scheduled within the county; ~~or~~

11 (C) Are sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and  
12 eligible to register under subsection (m) of this section; or

13 ~~(D)~~ (D) Are otherwise qualified electors but whose  
14 registration has been cancelled in a manner provided for by this amendment.

15 (4) Are citizens of the United States.

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 9, concerning  
18 applications to register to vote, is amended under the authority granted by  
19 Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 19, to add an additional subsection to  
20 read as follows:

21 (m)(1)(A) A person who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age  
22 who is otherwise eligible to register to vote under subsection (a) of this  
23 section may register under this section.

24 (B) A registered voter who is sixteen (16) or seventeen  
25 (17) years of age shall not vote in an election before turning eighteen (18)  
26 years of age.

27 (2)(A) A person who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of  
28 age and registers under this section shall be added to the voter registration  
29 list with a designation that the person is not eligible to vote until the  
30 date he or she turns eighteen (18) years of age.

31 (B) The designation under subdivision (m)(2)(A) of this  
32 section shall be removed when the person turns eighteen (18) years of age.

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34 SECTION 4. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 41, § 14, is amended under  
35 the authority granted by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 19, to read  
36 as follows:

1 § 14. Voter registration lists.

2 (a)(1) By the first day of June of each year, and at such other times  
3 as may be practicable, all Permanent Registrars shall, and at their  
4 discretion at other times may, print or otherwise duplicate and publish lists  
5 of registered voters by precincts, and may distribute such lists pursuant to  
6 §§ 7-5-105 and 7-5-109.

7 (2) A copy of the most current such list in each precinct shall  
8 be furnished to the election officials at each precinct at the time the  
9 ballot boxes are delivered and such election officials shall post said list  
10 at a conspicuous place in the polling area.

11 (b)(1) By the first day of June of each year, the Permanent Registrar  
12 shall certify to the Secretary of State the total number of registered voters  
13 in the county, including persons who are sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years  
14 of age and have registered under § 9(m) of this amendment.

15 (2) The Secretary of State shall tabulate the total number of  
16 registered voters in the state and shall make such information available to  
17 interested persons upon request.

18 (3) The tabulation of registered voters shall include persons  
19 who are sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and have registered under  
20 § 9(m) of this amendment.

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