

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

Act 542 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1985

5 By: Representatives Edwards, Agee, Bledsoe, Biggs, P. Bookout, Borhauer, Green, C. Johnson, Judy,
6 King, Stovall, Anderson, Walters, S. Prater, Pickett

7 By: Senator Madison
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENT
12 CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE AND FOR
13 WRITTEN CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR OFFICE; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEADLINE FOR
17 INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR
18 MUNICIPAL OFFICE AND WRITE IN CANDIDATES
19 TO FILE FOR OFFICE.
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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 § 7-6-102(a)(3), concerning political
26 practices pledges, is amended to read as follows:

27 (3) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file their
28 political practices pledges with the county clerk of the county not less than
29 ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) calendar days before the general election by 12:00
30 noon.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-5-205 is amended to read as follows.

33 7-5-205. Write-in candidates' votes - When counted.

34 (a) No votes for write-in candidates in general elections shall be
35 counted or tabulated unless:

36 ~~(a)~~(b)(1) The candidate or his or her agent shall notify in writing



1 the county board of election commissioners and either the Secretary of State,
2 if a state or district candidate, or a county clerk, if a candidate for a
3 county or township office, of his or her intention to be a write-in candidate
4 not later than ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days before the election day; and

5 (2) The name written on the ballot is the same name listed on
6 the write-in candidate's political practices pledge, except that any
7 abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation in the form of the name
8 of the candidate shall be disregarded if the intention of the voter may be
9 ascertained.

10 ~~(b)(c)~~ This section shall not apply to the offices of Justice of the
11 Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, or district
12 judge.

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14 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(b)(1), concerning municipal
15 elections, is amended to read as follows:

16 (b)(1) Any person desiring to become an independent candidate for
17 municipal office in cities and towns with the mayor-council form of
18 government shall file not more than ~~eighty (80)~~ one hundred ten (110) days
19 nor less than ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days prior to the general election by
20 twelve o'clock noon with the county clerk the petition of nomination in
21 substantially the following forms:

22 (A) For all candidates except aldermen in cities of the
23 first class and cities of the second class:

24 "PETITION OF NOMINATION

25 We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city (town) of...,
26 Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and
27 cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of
28 the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of... be placed on
29 the ballot for the office of... at the next election of municipal officials
30 in 20....

31 Printed Name Signature Street Address Date of Birth

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33 (B) For candidates for alderman elected by ward in cities
34 of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions
35 shall be signed only by qualified electors of the ward in the following
36 manner:

"PETITION OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned qualified electors of Ward... of the city of..., Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of... be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward..., position..., of the next election of municipal officials in ~~19~~ 20....

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(C) For at-large candidates for alderman of a ward in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions shall be signed by any qualified elector of the city in the following manner:

"PETITION OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city of, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of... be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward..., position..., of the next election of municipal officials in ~~19~~ 20....

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