## 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.

## **Act 149 of the Regular Session**

| 1  | State of Arkansas           | A D;11  |                          |       |
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| 2  | 86th General Assembly       | A Bill  |                          |       |
| 3  | Regular Session, 2007       |   | HOUSE BILL               | 1447  |
| 4  |                             |   |                          |       |
| 5  | By: Representatives Overbey | y, T. Baker, Blount, Cornwell, House, Hoyt, Kidd, | , Patterson, Pyle, Ree   | р     |
| 6  |                             |   |                          |       |
| 7  |                             |   |                          |       |
| 8  |                             | For An Act To Be Entitled                         |                          |       |
| 9  |                             | TO AMEND THE FILING PERIOD FOR INDEPE             | ENDENT                   |       |
| 10 |                             | TES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO MAKE THE              |                          |       |
| 11 |                             | PERIOD CONSISTENT WITH ARKANSAS CODE              | § 7-                     |       |
| 12 | 7-103;                      | AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.                           |                          |       |
| 13 |                             |   |                          |       |
| 14 |                             | Subtitle  |                          |       |
| 15 |                             | MEND THE FILING PERIOD FOR                        |                          |       |
| 16 |                             | PENDENT CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL                  |                          |       |
| 17 | OFFI                        | CE TO MAKE THE FILING PERIOD                      |                          |       |
| 18 | CONS                        | ISTENT WITH ARKANSAS CODE § 7-7-103.              |                          |       |
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| 21 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE (      | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA             | NSAS:                    |       |
| 22 |                             |   |                          |       |
| 23 | SECTION 1. Arka             | ansas Code § 14-42-206(b)(1), concern             | ing the filing           |       |
| 24 | _                           | t candidates for municipal office, is             | amended to rea           | ıd as |
| 25 | follows:                    |   |                          |       |
| 26 | (b)(l) Any pers             | son desiring to become an independent             | candidate for            |       |
| 27 | municipal office in ci      | ities and towns with the mayor-counci             | .1 form of               |       |
| 28 | government shall file       | not more than one hundred ten (110)               | <del>nor less than</del> |       |
| 29 | ninety (90) days eight      | ty (80) days nor less than sixty (60)             | <u>days</u> prior to     | the   |
| 30 | general election by 12      | 2:00 noon with the county clerk the p             | etition of               |       |
| 31 | nomination in substant      | tially the following forms:                       |                          |       |
| 32 | (A) For all candidate       | es except aldermen in cities of the f             | irst class and           |       |
| 33 | cities of the second of     | class:  |                          |       |
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| 2        | "PETITION OF NOMINATION   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3        |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4        | We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city (town) of,                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5        | Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6        | cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities o  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7        | the first (lst) class, do hereby petition that the name of be place           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8        | on the ballot for the office of at the next election of municipal             |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9        | officials in 20   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 12       | Printed Signature Street Address Date of                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 16<br>17 | Name Birth Signing  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 23       | (B) For candidates for alderman elected by ward in cities                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24       | of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25       | shall be signed only by qualified electors of the ward in the following       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26       | manner:   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 28       | "PETITION OF NOMINATION   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29       |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30       | We, the undersigned qualified electors of Ward of the city of                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31       | , Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32       | towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33       | cities of the first (lst) class, do hereby petition that the name of          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34       | be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward, position            |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35       | , of the next election of municipal officials in 20                           |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2        | Printed   | Signature        | Street Address          | Date of               |  |
| 3        | Date of   |                  |                         |                       |  |
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| 13       |   | (C) For a        | at-large candidates for | alderman of a ward in |  |
| 14       | cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating      |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 15       | petitions shall be signed by any qualified elector of the city in the         |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 16       | following manner:   |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 17       |   |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 18       | "PETITI   | ON OF NOMINATION |                         |                       |  |
| 19       |   |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 20       | We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city of, Arkansas,              |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 21       | being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of   |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 22       | the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 23       | (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of be placed on the             |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 24       | ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward, position, of the                     |                  |                         |                       |  |
| 25       | next electi   | on of municipal  | officials in 20         | <b>_</b> •            |  |
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| 3        | (2) The county clerk shall determine whether the petition                     |  |  |  |
| 4        | contains a sufficient number of qualified electors.                           |  |  |  |
| 5        | (3) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file a                  |  |  |  |
| 6        | political practices pledge no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of |  |  |  |
| 7        | the general election by 12:00 noon.   |  |  |  |
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| 9        | APPROVED: 2/23/2007   |  |  |  |
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