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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2341

"AN ACT TO REVISE NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2341.

Amend House Bill No. 2341 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 2 through 26 and substitute:

“SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-10-102 is amended to read as follows:
7-10-102. Nonpartisan election of judges and justices.

(a) The offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, and district judge are declared to be nonpartisan offices.

(b)(1)(A)(i) ~~The general elections for~~ When there are more than two (2) candidates for a judicial office, the candidates shall be placed on a ballot for election at a primary election for nonpartisan judicial offices shall to be held on the same dates and at the same times and places as provided by law for preferential primary elections.

(ii)(a) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest and next highest number of votes shall be certified to a runoff election which shall be held on the same date and at the same times and places as the November general election.

(b) In the event that the two (2) candidates receive the same number of votes in the general election, a tie shall be deemed to exist and the names of the two (2) candidates shall be placed on a ballot to be voted upon at an election to be held three (3) weeks following the date of the general election.

(B)(i) When there are only two (2) candidates for a judicial office, the candidates shall be placed on a ballot for election which shall be held on the same date and at the same times and places as the November general election.

(ii) In the event that the two (2) candidates receive the same number of votes in the general election, a tie shall be deemed to exist and the names of the two (2) candidates shall be placed on a ballot to be voted upon at an election to be held three (3) weeks following the date of the general election.

(C) No person shall be elected to a nonpartisan judicial office without receiving a majority of the votes cast at the election for the office.



(2) The names of candidates for nonpartisan judicial offices shall be included on the ballots of the political parties and shall be designated as nonpartisan judicial candidates. However, separate ballots containing only the names of nonpartisan judicial candidates shall be prepared and shall be made available to voters requesting the same.

(3) No voter shall be required to vote in a political party's preferential primary in order to be able to vote in nonpartisan judicial elections.

~~(c)(1) No person shall be elected to a nonpartisan judicial office without receiving a majority of the votes cast at the election for the office.~~

~~(2) In any nonpartisan judicial election in which no person receives a majority of the votes cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest and next highest number of votes shall be certified to a runoff election which shall be held on the same date and at the same times and places as the November general election.~~

~~(3) The names of the candidates in a nonpartisan judicial runoff election shall be placed on the same ballots as used for the November general elections.~~

AND

Page 3, delete lines 28 through 36

AND

Page 4 delete lines 1 through 36

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 4.

The Amendment was read
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