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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1088

4 **By: Representatives Mahony, Flanagan, Brown, Walker, Pryor, and Argue**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-208 TO REQUIRE THE
9 COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION TO OMIT FROM THE BALLOT THE
10 NAMES OF ALL UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES AFTER THE TIME FOR
11 FILING TO BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE HAS PASSED; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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16 ELECTION COMMISSION TO OMIT FROM THE BALLOT THE NAMES OF
17 ALL UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES AFTER THE TIME FOR FILING TO BE A
18 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE HAS PASSED."

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 "(a) All election ballots provided by the county board of election
24 commissioners of any county in this state for any election shall be alike and
25 shall be printed in plain type.

26 (b) Each ballot shall be printed on a single sheet of paper with the
27 lowest one inch (1") perforated horizontally and capable of being detached.

28 (c) As ballots are printed, they shall be numbered consecutively from
29 one (1) to the number which is the total amount of ballots provided for the
30 election. The same number shall be printed on each ballot in the upper and
31 lower right hand corner on the back or outside of the ballot.

32 (d) Each ballot number printed on each ballot in the upper right hand
33 corner shall be covered or concealed securely by the placing over the number
34 and pasting down by the printer of the ballots or the election judges, if so
35 designated by the county committee or county board of election commissioners,

1 a black-out sticker, which is to be two inches (2") square with a gummed edge
2 extending three-eighths of an inch (3/8") toward the center of the square, so
3 as to conceal but not destroy the ballot number printed thereon. No sticker
4 shall be removed except in case of contested elections, grand jury
5 investigation, or in the trial of any civil or criminal case in which the
6 violation of any law relating to elections, including primary, general, and
7 special elections, is under investigation or at issue and then only on the
8 order of a proper court.

9 (e) On the back or outside of the ballot shall be printed the words
10 OFFICIAL BALLOT for, followed by the appropriate designation for the
11 particular election and its date. Nothing shall appear on the back or outside
12 of the ballot except the numbers and words set out in this subsection and
13 subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

14 (f) On the front or inner side of the ballot on the bottom one inch
15 (1") only shall be printed the words LIST OF VOTERS NUMBER followed by a
16 blank space large enough for a number to be inserted. Nothing but these words
17 shall appear on the front or inner lower one inch (1") of the ballot.

18 (g) The heading on the front or inner side of each ballot shall be:
19 OFFICIAL BALLOT ELECTION, 19

20 Vote by placing an X in the square opposite the person for whom you wish
21 to vote.

22 If the ballot contains an initiated or referred amendment, act, or
23 measure, the heading shall also contain these words - Vote on amendments,
24 acts, and measures by placing an X in the square above the amendment (or act
25 or measure) either FOR or AGAINST.

26 (h)(1) Every ballot shall contain the name of each candidate, unless
27 unopposed, who has been nominated or has qualified in accordance with law for
28 each office. The names of the candidates shall be listed in a perpendicular
29 column under the name of each office to be filled. An unopposed candidate
30 does not include a candidate opposed by a write-in candidate who has filed
31 notification pursuant to Arkansas Code §7-5-205.

32 (2) In all elections, except primary elections, at the bottom of
33 each list of names for each position or office appearing on the ballot there
34 shall be a blank line or lines, for possible write-in votes for that position
35 or office. However, the blank line shall not appear on the ballot with

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