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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §7-6-102 and §7-7-203 TO
9 CHANGE FILING DEADLINES AND THE DATES OF THE GENERAL
10 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

14 "TO CHANGE THE FILING DEADLINES AND THE DATES OF THE
15 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY
16 ELECTION."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-6-102(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

21 "(a)(1) Candidates for state or district offices shall file with the
22 Secretary of State and candidates for county, municipal, or township offices
23 shall file with the county clerk of the county not later than 12:00 noon on
24 the first Tuesday of June, before the preferential primary election, a pledge
25 in writing, stating that they are familiar with the requirements of §§
26 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, and 7-6-101 - 7-6-104 and will, in good faith,
27 comply with their terms."

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29 SECTION 2. Subsections (a), (b) and (c) of Arkansas Code 7-7-203 are
30 amended to read as follows:

31 "(a) The preferential primary election shall be held on the *third (3rd)*
32 Tuesday in July.

33 (b) The general primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday
34 following the preferential primary election.

35 (c) Party pledges, if any, and political practice pledges for primary

1 elections shall be filed, and ballot fees shall be paid, during regular office
2 hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday in May and
3 ending at 12:00 noon on the first Tuesday in June, before the preferential
4 primary election. Party pledges, if any, and political practice pledges shall
5 be filed, and ballot fees for special primary elections shall be paid, on or
6 before the deadline established by proclamation of the Governor. Pledges and
7 ballot fees for a new political party shall be filed and paid as provided in
8 subsection (g) of this section. However, this subsection does not apply to
9 preferential presidential primary candidates."

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11 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
12 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
13 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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/s/Mark Pryor, et al

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