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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1759

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-205 AND 7-5-208 TO CLARIFY WRITE-IN VOTES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-205 TO CLARIFY WRITE-IN VOTES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. "

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-5-205 is amended to read as follows:

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

No votes for write-in candidates in general elections shall be counted or tabulated unless the candidate or his agent shall notify in writing the county board of election commissioners and either the Secretary of State if a state or district candidate, or a county clerk if a candidate for a county or township ~~or municipal~~ office, of his intention to be a write-in candidate not later than sixty (60) days before the election day. "

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-5-208(f)(3) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) In all elections, except primary elections and municipal elections, at the bottom of each list of names for each position or office appearing on the ballot, there shall be a blank line or lines for possible write-in votes for that position or office. However, the blank line shall not appear on the ballot with respect to those offices and candidates for

1 positions in which no person has qualified as a write-in candidate by filing  
2 his intentions to be a write-in candidate within the time prescribed in § 7-5-  
3 205."

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

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9 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
10 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
11 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
13 act are declared to be severable.

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16 hereby repealed.