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A Bill

SENATE BILL 606

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARD FILING FEES FOR
9 CANDIDATES IN THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH STANDARD FILING FEES FOR
14 CANDIDATES IN THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-3-101 is amended to read as follows:

22 7-3-101. Duties and powers.

23 (a) Subject to the provisions of this act and other applicable laws of
24 this state, organized political parties shall:

25 (1) Have the right to prescribe the qualifications of their own
26 membership;

27 (2) Prescribe the qualifications for voting in their party
28 primaries; and

29 (3) Establish rules and procedures for their own organization.

30 (b) Organized political parties shall not assess a filing fee for a
31 state legislative candidate in excess of an amount set by law.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, is amended
34 to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 7-3-109. Filing fees for state legislative candidates.

36 (a) All political parties who seek to collect a filling fee or ballot



1 fee from an individual filing to be a political party's nominee or candidate
2 for a seat in the General Assembly under any provision, including without
3 limitation § 7-7-203, shall assess and collect no more than the following
4 amounts:

5 (1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for candidates for a seat
6 in the House of Representatives; and

7 (2) Three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for a seat in the
8 Senate.

9 (b) Individuals filing to run as an independent candidate for either
10 the House of Representatives or the Senate shall not be assessed a filing
11 fee.

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