

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

A BILL ACT 197 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 1048

4 **By: Representatives Lipton, Newman and Flanagin**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-9-109 TO IMPOSE A PENALTY
9 FOR FALSE STATEMENTS MADE BY A CANVASSER ON A VERIFICATION
10 FORM FOR AN INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-9-109 is amended to read as follows:

16 " 7-9-109. Form of verification.

17 (a) Each petition containing the signatures shall be
18 verified in substantially the following form, by the person who circulated the
19 sheet of the petition by his or her affidavit thereon as a part thereof:

20 (State of Arkansas)
21 (County of _____)

22 I, _____, being first duly sworn, state that the foregoing
23 persons signed this sheet of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed
24 his name thereunto in my presence. I believe that each has stated his name,
25 residence or town of residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal
26 voter of the State of Arkansas, _____ County, or City or Incorporated
27 Town of _____. Residence _____

28 Signature _____

29 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the _____ day of _____ 19__.

30 Signature _____

31 _____ Clerk, Notary, Judge or J.P. Residence
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33 (b) Forms herein given are not mandatory, and if substantially followed
34 in any petition it shall be sufficient, disregarding clerical and merely
35 technical errors.

36 (c) A canvasser who knowingly makes a false statement on a petition

1 verification form required by this section shall be deemed guilty of a Class A
2 misdemeanor."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
5 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
6 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
10 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
12 Act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
15 hereby repealed.

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/s/J. Lipton, et al

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