

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

ACT 122 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1098

4
5 By: Representatives Faris, Lancaster, Rodgers, McGehee and Teague
6 By: Senator Hopkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 7, CHAPTER 5,
10 SUBCHAPTER 3 CONCERNING AN ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY WHEN
11 THERE IS AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT CONCERNING AN ELECTION TO FILL A
14 VACANCY WHEN THERE IS AN UNOPPOSED
15 CANDIDATE."
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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 Title 7, Chapter 5, Subchapter 3 is amended by
21 adding the following new section:

22 §7-5-320. If, after all deadlines for filing as a candidate or write-in
23 candidate have passed in a special election to fill a vacancy, there is only
24 one (1) candidate and no other office or issue is on the ballot, then the
25 county board of election commissioners may reduce the number of polling places
26 for the election. The county board of election commissioners shall provide at
27 least one (1) polling place. In a county that uses voting machines or
28 electronic voting, the county board of election commissioners may choose to
29 use paper ballots for the election.

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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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