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# A Bill

ACT 343 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1026

4 By: Representative Trammell

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 7, CHAPTER 7,  
9 SUBCHAPTER 2 PROHIBITING A PERSON RUNNING FOR THE SAME  
10 OFFICE DURING THE SAME ELECTION CYCLE AS THE CANDIDATE OF  
11 MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL PARTY OR AS THE CANDIDATE OF A  
12 POLITICAL PARTY AND AS AN INDEPENDENT OR *WRITE-IN*  
13 CANDIDATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

16 "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON RUNNING FOR  
17 THE SAME OFFICE DURING THE SAME ELECTION  
18 CYCLE AS THE CANDIDATE OF MORE THAN ONE  
19 POLITICAL PARTY OR AS THE CANDIDATE OF A  
20 POLITICAL PARTY AND AS AN INDEPENDENT OR  
21 *WRITE-IN* CANDIDATE."

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2 is amended by  
26 adding the following new section:

27 §7-7-204. (a) A person who files as a candidate for nomination by a  
28 political party shall not be eligible to:

29 (1) be the nominee of any other political party for the same  
30 office during the primary election or the following general or special  
31 election; or

32 (2) be an independent or *write-in* candidate for the same office at  
33 the general or special election.

34 (b) A person who is *certified* as an independent candidate shall not be  
35 eligible to be a *write-in candidate* or the nominee of any political party for  
36 the same office at the *same* general or special election.ⓧ

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

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Rep. Trammell*

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