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9 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-205 AND 7-5-208 TO

11 CLARIFY WRITE-IN VOTES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS; AND FOR

12 OTHER PURPOSES."

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14 ## Subtitle

15 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-5-205 TO

16 CLARIFY WRITE-IN VOTES IN MUNICIPAL

17 ELECTIONS."

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

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

23   "7-5-205. Write-in candidates' votes - When counted.

24   No votes for write-in candidates in general elections shall be counted

25 or tabulated unless the candidate or his agent shall notify in writing the

26 county board of election commissioners and either the Secretary of State if a

27 state or district candidate, or a county clerk if a candidate for a county or

28 township or municipal office, of his intention to be a write-in candidate not

29 later than sixty (60) days before the election day."

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

32   "(3) In all elections, except primary elections and municipal

33 elections, at the bottom of each list of names for each position or office

34 appearing on the ballot, there shall be a blank line or lines for possible

35 write-in votes for that position or office. However, the blank line shall not

36 appear on the ballot with respect to those offices and candidates for

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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.
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19   **APPROVED: 3/16/1999**
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