

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: H3/13/03 H3/14/03 S3/26/03

# A Bill

Act 1104 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 2326

5 By: Representatives Wood, Ferguson  
6 By: Senator Salmon  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ALLOW CITIES TO ESTABLISH FILING  
11 DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES THAT ARE INDEPENDENT OR  
12 OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN AN ELECTION FOR  
13 MUNICIPAL OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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17 INDEPENDENT OR OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN  
18 AN ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(e), concerning municipal primary  
25 elections, is amended to read as follows:

26 (e)(1) The governing body of any city of the first class, city of the  
27 second class, or incorporated town may enact an ordinance requiring  
28 independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination  
29 as independent candidates with the county clerk no earlier than twenty (20)  
30 days prior to the preferential primary election and no later than noon on the  
31 day before the preferential primary election.

32 (2) The governing body may establish this filing deadline for  
33 municipal offices even if the municipal offices are all independent or  
34 otherwise nonpartisan.

35 ~~(2)(3)~~ The ordinance shall be enacted no later than ninety (90)  
36 days prior to the filing deadline. The ordinance shall be published at least



1 once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of  
2 the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.

3 /s/ Wood

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