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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1532

5 By: Representatives Boyd, Vaught
6 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING THE NOMINATION
10 REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTIES; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING THE
16 NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POLITICAL
17 PARTIES.
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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 § 7-7-205(c), concerning nomination
23 requirements for new political parties, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c)(1) Upon certification of sufficiency of the petition by the
25 Secretary of State, a new political party shall be declared by the Secretary
26 of State.

27 (2)(A) A new political party formed by the petition process
28 shall nominate candidates by convention for the first general election after
29 certification.

30 (B)(i) A convention under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this
31 section shall be held no later than 12:00 noon on the date of the
32 preferential primary election.

33 (ii) Certificates of nomination shall be filed with
34 the Secretary of State or the county clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the
35 date of the preferential primary election.

36 (C) A convention under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this



1 section may be held in any manner authorized by the rules of the new
2 political party.

3 (3) A candidate to be nominated by convention shall file a
4 political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as
5 the case may be, during the party filing period.

6 (4) If the new party maintains party status by obtaining three
7 percent (3%) of the total votes cast for the office of Governor or nominees
8 for presidential electors at the first general election after certification,
9 the new political party shall nominate candidates in the party primary as set
10 forth in § 7-7-101 et seq.

11 (5) Any challenges to the certification of the sufficiency of
12 the petition by the Secretary of State shall be filed with the Pulaski County
13 Circuit Court.

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