1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 Act 796 of 2001 83rd General Assembly HOUSE BILL 2009 Regular Session, 2001 3 4 5 By: Representative King 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-4-109 CONCERNING THE 9 QUALIFICATIONS OF STATE AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND 10 11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 12 **Subtitle** 13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-4-109 14 15 CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF STATE 16 AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 20 21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-4-109 is amended to read as follows: 22 7-4-109. Qualifications of state and county commissioners and other 23 election officials. (a)(1) The members of the State Board of Election Commissioners, the 24 25 members of each county board of election commissioners, and election officials shall be qualified electors of this state, able to read and write 26 27 the English Language, and shall not have been found quilty or pled quilty or nolo contendere to the violation of any election law of this state. 28 29 (2) No member of a county board shall be a candidate for any office to be filled at any election while serving on the county board. 30 31 (b) Furthermore, all members of each county board shall be residents 32 of the county in which they serve at the time of their appointment or election. All election officials shall be residents of the precincts in which 33 they serve at the time of their appointment. However, if, at the time of 34 35 posting election officials, the county board shall, by unanimous vote, find 36 that it is impossible to obtain qualified election officials from any

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precinct or precincts and shall make certification of that finding to the county clerk, then other qualified citizens of the county may be designated to serve in the precinct or precincts.

- (c) No person who is a paid employee of any political party or of any person running for statewide any office shall be eligible to be a member of a county board or an election official.
- (d) No member of a county board shall be a candidate for any office to be filled at any general election while serving on the county board.
- (e) No person may serve as an election official if <u>married to or</u> related within the second degree of consanguinity to any candidate running for office in the current election if objection to such service is made to the county board within ten (10) calendar days after the posting or publishing of the list of officials.

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