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2 89th General Assembly

# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 694

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6 By: Representative Williams

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT REGARDING THE BALLOT FORM FOR A JUDICIAL  
ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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REGARDING THE BALLOT FORM FOR A JUDICIAL  
ELECTION.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-305(c)(1), regarding the ballot form for  
21 a judicial election, is amended to read as follows:

22 (c)(1)(A) ~~Any~~ A person who ~~shall file files~~ for ~~any~~ an elective office  
23 in this state may use not more than three (3) given names, one (1) of which  
24 may be a nickname or any other word used ~~for the purpose of identifying to~~  
25 identify the person to the voters, and may add as a prefix to his or her name  
26 the title or an abbreviation of an elective public office the person  
27 currently holds.

28 (B) *A person may use as the prefix the title of a*  
29 nonpartisan *judicial office in an election for a* ~~judgeship~~ nonpartisan  
30 judicial office only if ~~the~~:

31 (i) *The person is currently serving in a* nonpartisan  
32 judicial ~~position~~ office to which the person has been elected in the last  
33 election for the office; or

34 (ii) *The person:*

35 (a) Is a candidate for the office of circuit  
36 judge or district judge;



1 (b) Is currently serving in the office of  
2 circuit judge or district judge as an appointee; and

3 (c) Has been serving in that position for at  
4 least twelve (12) months.

5 (C) A nickname shall not include a professional or  
6 honorary title.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(f)(1), concerning the ballot form  
9 for a judicial election, is amended to read as follows:

10 (f)(1)(A) A candidate for nonpartisan judicial office may not use more  
11 than three (3) given names, one (1) of which may be a nickname or any other  
12 word used for the purpose of identifying the candidate to the voters.

13 (B)(i) A candidate for nonpartisan judicial office may add  
14 as a prefix to his or her name the title or an abbreviation of an elective  
15 public office the candidate currently holds.

16 (ii) A candidate may use as the prefix the title of  
17 a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a ~~judgeship~~ nonpartisan  
18 judicial office only if ~~the~~:

19 (a) The candidate is currently serving in a  
20 judicial position to which the candidate has been elected in the last  
21 election for the office; or

22 (b) The candidate:

23 (1) Is a candidate for the office of  
24 circuit judge or district judge;

25 (2) Is currently serving in the position  
26 of circuit judge or district judge as an appointee; and

27 (3) Has been serving in that position  
28 for at least twelve (12) months.

29 (C) A nickname shall not include a professional or  
30 honorary title.

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32 /s/U. Lindsey

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35 **APPROVED: 04/11/2013**