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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1552

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR
9 CERTAIN PERSONS CONDUCTING ELECTIONS; TO REQUIRE
10 TRAINING FOR ALL COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, POLL
11 WORKERS, AND CERTIFIED ELECTION MONITORS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 COMMISSIONERS, POLL WORKERS, AND
21 CERTIFIED ELECTION MONITORS.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-107(b)(2), concerning qualifications of
27 election officials at the polling site, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2) Each polling site shall have a minimum of two (2) election
29 clerks, one (1) election judge, and one (1) election sheriff. For ~~all a~~
30 regularly scheduled elections election, all election officials at a polling
31 site shall have completed training under § 7-4-109, and at least one (1)
32 election official at ~~each a~~ polling site shall have attended election
33 training coordinated by the State Board of Election Commissioners within
34 twelve (12) months prior to the election. The minority party election
35 commissioner shall have the option to designate a number of election
36 officials equal to one (1) less than the majority of election officials at



1 each polling site, with a minimum of two (2) election officials at each
 2 polling site. In the event that the county party representatives on the
 3 county board fail to agree upon any election official to fill ~~any~~ an election
 4 post allotted to the respective party twenty (20) days before the election,
 5 the county board shall appoint the remaining election officials.

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 7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-4-109 is amended to read as follows:

8 7-4-109. Qualifications of state and county commissioners ~~and other,~~
 9 election officials, poll workers, and certified election monitors.

10 (a)(1) ~~The members~~ A member of the State Board of Election
 11 Commissioners, ~~the members of each~~ a county board of election commissioners,
 12 and an election ~~officials~~ official shall be a qualified ~~electors~~ elector of
 13 this state, able to read and write the English language, and shall not have
 14 been found guilty or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to the violation of
 15 ~~any~~ an election law of this state.

16 (2) ~~No~~ An election official, as defined in § 7-1-101, shall not
 17 be a candidate for ~~any~~ an office to be filled at ~~any~~ an election while
 18 serving as an election official.

19 (3) A member of the county board of election commissioners shall
 20 not be disqualified from serving as a member of the county board by the
 21 appearance on the ballot as a candidate for a position in his or her
 22 political party.

23 (b)(1) ~~Furthermore, all members~~ A member of ~~each~~ a county board shall
 24 be ~~residents~~ a resident of the county in which ~~they serve~~ he or she serves at
 25 the time of ~~their~~ his or her appointment or election. ~~All~~

26 (2)(A) An election ~~officials~~ official shall be ~~residents~~ a
 27 resident of the ~~precincts~~ precinct in which ~~they serve~~ he or she serves at
 28 the time of ~~their~~ his or her appointment.

29 (B) However, if at the time of posting election officials,
 30 the county board ~~by unanimous vote shall find~~ votes unanimously and certifies
 31 to the county clerk that it is impossible to obtain a qualified election
 32 ~~officials~~ official from any precinct ~~or precincts and~~ in the county, the
 33 ~~county board shall make certification of that finding to the county clerk,~~
 34 ~~then other~~ another qualified ~~citizens~~ citizen of the county may be designated
 35 to serve in the precinct ~~or precincts.~~

36 (c)(1) ~~No~~ A person who is a paid employee of ~~any~~ a political party or

1 of ~~any person running~~ a candidate for ~~any~~ office on that county's ballot
 2 shall not ~~be eligible to~~ be a member of a county board or an election
 3 official.

4 (2)(A) ~~No~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this
 5 section, a person serving on the county board shall not participate in ~~any~~
 6 ~~person's~~ the campaign of a candidate listed on that county's ballot of of a
 7 write-in candidate seeking election in that county.

8 (B) ~~The making of a~~ A member of the county board may make
 9 a financial contribution to a candidate shall not be considered participating
 10 in a candidate's campaign.

11 (3) ~~No~~ A person employed with a company that has any a business
 12 dealings, contracts dealing, contract, or pending contracts before contract
 13 with a county board to which he or she ~~would seek~~ seeks appointment shall not
 14 ~~be eligible to~~ be a candidate for the county board.

15 (d) ~~No~~ A person may shall not serve as an election official if:

16 (1) The person is married to or related within the second degree
 17 of consanguinity to ~~any~~ a candidate running for office in the ~~current~~
 18 election ~~if;~~ and

19 (2) Another person makes an objection to his or her service ~~is~~
 20 ~~made~~ to the county board within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list
 21 of officials.

22 (e)(1) Prior to the regularly scheduled preferential primary election,
 23 each member of the county board of election commissioners ~~for each county and~~
 24 ~~at least two (2) election officials per polling site designated by the county~~
 25 ~~board for each county, poll worker, and certified election monitor~~ shall
 26 attend election training coordinated by the state board.

27 (2) The state board shall determine the method and amount of
 28 compensation for attending the training.

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