

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1247**

"AN ACT TO AMEND 7-7-205(e)(4) TO EXTEND THE THRESHOLD FOR A NEW PARTY  
TO MAINTAIN ITS CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY STATUS TO INCLUDE RECEIVING A  
PERCENTAGE OF VOTES FOR ANY POSITION SUBJECT TO A STATEWIDE  
ELECTION."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1247.**

Amend House Bill No. 1247 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 15 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO EXTEND THE THRESHOLD FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO MAINTAIN ITS  
CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY STATUS TO INCLUDE RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF VOTES  
FOR ANY POSITION SUBJECT TO A STATEWIDE ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 18 through 23 and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO EXTEND THE THRESHOLD FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO MAINTAIN ITS  
CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY STATUS TO INCLUDE RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF VOTES  
FOR ANY POSITION SUBJECT TO A STATEWIDE ELECTION."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 28 through 35 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(17), concerning the definition of political party, is amended to read as follows:

(17)(A) "Political party" means any group of voters that at either of the last two (2) preceding general election elections polled for its candidate for ~~Governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors~~ any position subject to a statewide election at least three percent (3%) of the entire vote cast for the office.

(B) ~~No~~ A group of electors shall not assume a name or designation that is so similar in the opinion of the Secretary of State to that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

(C) When any political party fails to obtain three percent (3%) of the total votes cast at an election for ~~the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors~~ any position subject to a statewide



election, it shall cease to be a political party;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-205(e)(4), concerning the threshold for a new party to maintain its party status, is amended to read as follows:

(4) If the new party maintains party status by obtaining three percent (3%) of the total vote cast for ~~the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors~~ any position subject to a statewide election at the first election in either of the first two (2) general elections after certification, the new political party shall nominate candidates in the party primary as set forth in § 7-7-101 et seq."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Carroll  
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Chief Clerk