

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1863

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5 By: Representative Carroll  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION BY NEW POLITICAL  
10 PARTY CANDIDATES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES IN  
11 PUBLICLY FUNDED ELECTION DEBATES; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES AND  
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18 FUNDED ELECTION DEBATES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 1 is amended to add an  
24 additional section to read as follows:

25 7-1-111. Participation in publicly funded election debates.

26 A person shall be included in an election debate between candidates  
27 running for the same office for which he or she also is a candidate if:

28 (1) He or she has been certified as a nominee under § 7-7-101 et  
29 seq.; and

30 (2) The election debate:

31 (A) Takes place at a facility or site that was  
32 purchased or is maintained through public funds; or

33 (B) Is otherwise funded in whole or in part through public  
34 funds.  
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