

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/14/13 H3/21/13*

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HOUSE BILL 1683

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5 By: Representatives Cozart, Bragg, Catlett, Dale, D. Douglas, Holcomb, Jean, Scott, Slinkard, Vines

6 By: Senator A. Clark

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL OFFENSES REGARDING
ELECTIONS.

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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 § 7-1-103(a)(9), concerning penalties for
21 miscellaneous misdemeanor offenses, is amended to add an additional
22 subdivision to read as follows:

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(D) A person shall not recklessly operate or use a sound
amplification device while making a political speech or electioneering within
one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in which a polling place is located
and voting is taking place;

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-105 is amended to read as follows:

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7-6-105. Use of sound equipment – Penalty for interference.

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(a) ~~When any~~ If a citizen of Arkansas ~~becomes~~ is a lawful candidate in
~~any a~~ primary or general election ~~and complies with all the laws pertaining~~
~~thereto, then,~~ the candidate ~~shall be entitled to go into any city, town,~~
~~municipality, or rural community in Arkansas and may~~ operate his or her
acoustical or sound equipment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
~~notwithstanding any town or city ordinance to the contrary in a city, town,~~
municipality, or rural community in Arkansas, unless the candidate is



1 operating the equipment within one thousand feet (1,000') of a building in
2 which a polling place is located and voting is taking place.

3 (b)(1) ~~Any A person who interferes in any manner shall not interfere~~
4 ~~with the right granted in this section shall be guilty of a Class B~~
5 ~~misdemeanor~~ a candidate operating acoustical or sound equipment pursuant to
6 subsection (a) of this section.

7 (2) A person who violates subdivision (b)(1) of this section is
8 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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10 /s/Cozart
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