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A Bill

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5 By: Senator U. Lindsey

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.

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

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

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(ii) The person:

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

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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