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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A PETITION TO FILE
9 AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE; TO REQUIRE A
10 FORM FOR ALL PETITIONS; TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION THAT
11 THE PETITION WAS NOT CIRCULATED LONGER THAN THE
12 PRESCRIBED TIME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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21 LONGER THAN THE PRESCRIBED TIME.

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

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-103(b)(3), concerning a petition to
27 file as an independent candidate for office, is amended to read as follows:

28 (3)(A) A petition shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary
29 of State that includes without limitation a designated space for:

30 (i) The signature of the qualified elector;

31 (ii) The printed name of the qualified elector;

32 (iii) The date of the signature of the qualified

33 elector; and

34 (iv) The address of the qualified elector.

35 (B) Petitions A petition shall be circulated not earlier
36 than ninety (90) calendar days before the deadline for filing petitions to



1 qualify as an independent candidate unless the number of days is reduced by a
 2 proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document for
 3 a special election under § 7-11-101 et seq.

4 (C)(i) The person filing for office as an independent candidate
 5 shall submit with the petition an affidavit that swears:

6 (a) The signatures were not collected for a period
 7 over ninety (90) days;

8 (b) The beginning and ending dates for collection of
 9 signatures on the petition are those as indicated on the affidavit; and

10 (c) The signatures were collected and the petition
 11 was executed and submitted in compliance with the law.

12 (ii) The affidavit under subdivision (b)(3)(C)(i) of this
 13 section shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

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 15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-103, concerning a petition to file as
 16 an independent candidate for office, is amended to add an additional
 17 subsection to read as follows:

18 (c) Signatures that are incorrectly obtained or submitted under this
 19 section shall not be counted.

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