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2 93rd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1252

5 By: Representatives Penzo, Dotson  
6 By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF  
10 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.  
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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 § 14-42-206(a), concerning nominating  
21 petitions for municipal elections, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a)(1) The city or town council of ~~any~~ a city or town with the mayor-  
23 council form of government, ~~may~~ shall request the county party committees of  
24 recognized political parties under the laws of the state to conduct party  
25 primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year by resolution  
26 passed:

27 (A) Before January 1 of the year of the election, if the  
28 election will occur in a year in which the preferential primary election is  
29 held in May under § 7-7-203; and

30 (B) No less than sixty (60) days before the party filing  
31 period begins under § 7-7-203, if the election will occur in a year in which  
32 the preferential primary election is held in March under § 7-7-203.

33 (2) ~~The resolution shall remain in effect for the subsequent~~  
34 ~~elections unless revoked by the city or town council.~~

35 (3) When the resolution has been adopted, the clerk or recorder  
36 shall mail a certified copy of the resolution to the chairs of the county



1 party committees and to the chairs of the state party committees.

2 ~~(4)~~(3) Candidates nominated for municipal office by political  
3 primaries under this section shall be certified by the county party  
4 committees to the county board of election commissioners and shall be placed  
5 on the ballot at the general election.

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