ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1460

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES; AND TO REQUIRE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1460

Amend House Bill No. 1460 as engrossed, H3/7/19 (version: 03/07/2019 9:38:56 AM)

Page 1, delete lines 33 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(2)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section, unopposed candidates for all offices shall be declared and certified elected without the necessity of including those names on the general election ballot.

(B)(i) In an election in which one (1) or more candidates are unopposed, the phrase "unopposed candidates" shall appear on the ballot, adjacent to a place in which the voter may cast a vote for all unopposed candidates by placing an appropriate mark.

(ii) Votes received by an unopposed candidate in any election in this state may be counted or tabulated by the election officials for administrative purposes, but shall not be certified unless otherwise provided by law.

(iii) Votes received by an unopposed candidate for the office of Governor, Mayor, Circuit Clerk, City Clerk, or the office of a non-judicial state elected official shall be counted or tabulated by the election officials and certified according to law.

(B)(iv) The names of all unopposed candidates for the office of Mayor, Governor, Circuit Clerk, City Clerk, and the office of non-judicial state elected official shall be separately placed on the general election ballot, and the votes for Mayor, Governor, Circuit Clerk, City Clerk, and non-judicial state elected officials shall be tabulated as in all contested races.

(v) All unopposed candidates other than for the offices of Mayor, Governor, Circuit Clerk, City Clerk, and the office of a non-judicial state elected official, shall be declared and certified as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and By: Senator Flippo MLD/MLD - 04-04-2019 10:11:45 MLD217 Secretary
Page 4, delete lines 1 through 27
AND
Page 3, delete lines 7 through 36
AND
Page 2, line 26, delete "shall not be counted or tabulated" and substitute "may be counted or tabulated for administrative purposes, but shall not be certified, unless otherwise provided by law,"
AND
Page 2, delete lines 1 through 21
AND