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6   By: Representative Dotson

7   Filed with: House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs

8   pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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11   POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE THE VOTER MAY CAST

12   A VOTE IN A PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION OR A

13   GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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20   PRIMARY ELECTION OR A GENERAL PRIMARY

21   ELECTION.

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

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26   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 7, Subchapter 3, is amended

27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28   *7-7-314. Closed primaries.*

29   *(a)(1) In any primary election, a voter is entitled to vote the*

30 *official primary ballot of the political party designated in the registration*

31 *of the voter, and no other.*

32   *(2) A voter under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall*

33 *register with a political party no later than thirty (30) days before the*

34 *primary election in which he or she votes.*

35   *(b) It is unlawful for a voter to vote in a political party primary in*

36 *which party the voter is not registered.*

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2   */s/Dotson*
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5   Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives
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