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2 State of Arkansas  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1977

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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**

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A VOTER TO DECLARE HIS OR HER  
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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16 **Subtitle**

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18 POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE THE  
19 VOTER MAY CAST A VOTE IN A PREFERENTIAL  
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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