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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1103

By: Representative Lendall

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Ark. Code Ann. §7-6-102(a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) (1) Candidates for state or district offices shall file with the Secretary of State and candidates for county, municipal, or township offices shall file with the county clerk of the county not later than 12:00 noon on the first Tuesday of April, before the preferential primary election, a pledge in writing, stating that they are familiar with the requirements of §§7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, and 7-6-101 - 7-6-104 and will, in good faith, comply with their terms.

(2) Persons nominated by a political party convention to be candidates in the general election for United States, state or district offices shall file their political practices pledges with the Secretary of State no later than ninety (90) days prior to the general election.

(3) Persons nominated as independent candidates shall file the political practices pledge at the time of filing the petition for nomination.

(4) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file their political practices pledges with the county clerk of the county not less than sixty (60) calendar days before the general election.

(5) Persons who wish to be write-in candidates shall file the political practices pledge at the time of filing the notice to be a write-in candidate."

SECTION 2. Ark. Code Ann. §7-7-103(a) is repealed.

SECTION 3. Ark. Code Ann. §7-7-103(b) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Any person desiring to have his name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate without political party affiliation for any state, county, township, or district office in any general election in this state shall file the petition for nomination as an independent candidate in the manner provided by in this section no later than seventy-five (75) days prior to the general election."

SECTION 4. Ark. Code Ann. §7-7-105(2) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) Any person desiring to be a candidate for office as an independent candidate without political affiliation may file nomination petitions signed by not less than three percent (3%) of the qualified electors of the district or of the state, as the case may be, as determined by the total number of votes cast in the last preceding general election for all candidates for the Office of the Governor. The petitions shall be filed on or before the deadlines fixed in the proclamation of the Governor to file and qualify as a candidate for nomination at the special primary elections. If no special primary election is to be held, the Governor shall, in his proclamation, establish the filing period for independent candidates."

SECTION 5. Ark. Code Ann. §7-7-401 is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

"(f) Political parties not holding primary elections for the selection of nominees for United States, state, or district offices shall hold a state convention of delegates not later than thirty (30) days after the biennial general primary for the purpose of selecting candidates for those offices. The chairman and secretary of the convention of delegates of the political parties selecting their nominees by convention shall certify to the Secretary of State a list of duly nominated candidates for United States, state, or district offices no later than ninety (90) days prior to the general election."

SECTION 6. Ark. Code Ann. §7-7-402(b) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) certificates of nomination shall be filed within the time provided in §7-7-203(k)."

SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.