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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representative Beatty, Cunningham, Hinshaw, and Tullis

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 7-8-201 THROUGH 7-8-211
PERTAINING TO PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS
AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 7, CHAPTER 8, SUBCHAPTER 2,
TO REENACT THE LAW ON PREFERENTIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTIONS AS IT EXISTED BEFORE THE PASSAGE OF ACT 123 OF 1987
AND ACT 28 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1987; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-8-201 through Arkansas Code 7-8-211, pertaining to preferential Presidential primary elections, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Subchapter 2 is hereby amended by adding the following new sections:

"7-8-201. Preferential Presidential elections required - Apportionment of delegates. Each political party in the state desiring to select delegates to attend a quadrennial national nominating convention of the party to select a nominee for the office of President of the United States shall hold a preferential Presidential primary election in the state, and the delegates to the national party convention shall be apportioned to the Presidential candidates whose names were on the ballot at the preferential Presidential primary or to 'uncommitted,' in the proportion that the votes cast for each candidate or uncommitted bear to the total votes cast at the election, rounded to the closest whole number.

7-8-202. Date of primary. Any political party conducting a preferential Presidential primary as provided in this subchapter shall conduct that primary on the date established by law for the preferential primary

election for state and county offices.

7-8-203. Election expenses. The expense of conducting a preferential Presidential primary election shall be borne by the political party. However, public funds appropriated by the county quorum courts, the General Assembly, or the federal government for use in conducting those elections may be accepted and applied to payment of the expense.

7-8-204. Rules for selection of delegates and alternates. Each political party holding a preferential Presidential primary election in the state shall adopt appropriate rules for the selection of delegates and alternate delegates to the quadrennial national nominating convention of the party and to otherwise carry out the intent and purposes of this subchapter."

SECTION 3. 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.