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SENATE BILL

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By: Senator Russ

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-7-203(a), (b) and (c) TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE THIRD TUESDAY IN AUGUST AND THE DATE OF THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FILING PERIOD SHALL BEGIN ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN MAY AND END ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY THEREAFTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-7-203(a), (b) and (c) respectively are hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) The general primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday in August preceding the general election.

(b) The preferential primary election shall be held on the Tuesday two (2) weeks prior to the general primary election.

(c) Party pledges, if any, and political practice pledges for primary elections shall be filed, and ballot fees shall be paid, during regular office hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the fourth Tuesday in May and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter, before the preferential primary election. Party pledges, if any, and political practice pledges shall be filed, and ballot fees for special primary elections shall be paid, on or before the deadline established by proclamation of the Governor. Pledges and ballot fees for a new political party shall be filed and paid as provided in this subsection. However, this subsection does not apply to preferential presidential primary candidates."

SECTION 2. 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 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.