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A Bill

SENATE BILL 754

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5 By: Senator Hunter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT CONCERNING POLITICAL PARTY FILING FEES; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "AN ACT CONCERNING POLITICAL PARTY
14 FILING FEES."
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-7-301 (a), concerning political party filing
19 fees, is amended to read as follows:

20 ~~§(a) A political party may impose a filing fee for candidates seeking~~
21 ~~nomination by that party. The filing fee for county, municipal, and township~~
22 ~~offices shall be fixed by the county committee, as authorized by the state~~
23 ~~executive committee. For all other races the filing fee shall be established~~
24 ~~by the state executive committee. The filing fee for candidates nominated by~~
25 a political party for any office shall be one percent (1%) of the total salary
26 for the office sought during the entire term of office or one hundred dollars
27 (\$100), whichever amount is greater. Filing fees paid to political parties
28 shall be transmitted by the respective political parties to the State Election
29 Commission. The commission shall immediately deposit the filing fees in the
30 State Treasury as special revenue to the credit of the Primary Election Fund,
31 which is hereby created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor of
32 State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, there to be used for the purpose
33 of conducting political party primaries. On or before the time provided in ~~§~~
34 7-7-203(c), all candidates at primary elections of political parties shall
35 file any pledge required by such party and shall pay the party filing fees
36 ~~required by the party,~~ as follows:

1 (1) Candidates for United States Senator, Representative in
2 Congress, and all state offices shall file the pledge and pay the party filing
3 fees with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his
4 designated agent;

5 (2) Candidates for district offices, including, but not limited
6 to, the offices of State Representative and State Senator, shall file the
7 pledge with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his
8 designated agent and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the state
9 committee of the political party or his designated agent;

10 (3) All candidates for county, municipal, and township offices
11 and candidates for county committeeman and delegates to the county convention
12 shall file the pledge and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the
13 county committee of the political party. ✕

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15 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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