

State of Arkansas

82nd General Assembly

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1766

By: Representative Sheppard

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-1-101 TO REDEFINE THE TERM POLITICAL PARTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-1-101 TO REDEFINE THE TERM POLITICAL PARTY."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-1-101(1) is amended to read as follows:

"(1)(A) 'Political party' means any group of voters which, at the last-preceding general election, polled for its candidate for Governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors at least ~~three percent (3%) of the entire vote~~ ten thousand (10,000) votes cast for the office.

(B) No group of electors shall assume a name or designation which is so similar, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, to that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

(C) When any political party fails to obtain ~~three percent (3%) of the total~~ at least ten thousand (10,000) votes cast at an election for the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors, it shall cease to be a political party;"

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. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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7 hereby repealed.