

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1688

5 By: Representative Scrimshire  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-8-302 PERTAINING TO  
10 THE ELECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTORS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 7-8-302  
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15 CERTIFICATION OF ELECTORS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-8-302(5) is amended to read as follows:

22 (5)(A) In order to have the name of a political party's  
23 candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot, a  
24 political party shall nominate by primary election. A new political party  
25 formed pursuant to the petition process may nominate by convention if the  
26 presidential election is the first general election after certification as a  
27 party by the Secretary of State.

28 (B) A political group desiring to have the names of its  
29 candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot shall file  
30 a petition with the Secretary of State by noon on the first Monday of August.  
31 The petition shall contain at the time of filing the names of one thousand  
32 (1,000) qualified electors of the state declaring their desire to have  
33 printed on the ballot the names of their candidate for President and Vice  
34 President. The Secretary of State shall verify the sufficiency of the  
35 petition within ten (10) days from the filing of the petition. If the  
36 petition is determined to be insufficient, the Secretary of State shall

1 notify in writing the political group through its designated agent, and shall  
2 set forth his reasons for so finding. When notice is delivered, the sponsors  
3 shall have an additional ten (10) days in which to do any or all of the  
4 following:

5 (i) Solicit and obtain additional signatures;

6 (ii) Submit proof to show that the rejected  
7 signatures or some of them are good and should be counted; or

8 (iii) Make the petition more definite and certain.

9 (C) Any amendments and corrections shall not materially  
10 change the purpose and effect of the petition. No changes shall be made in  
11 the petition, except to correct apparent typographical errors or omissions.

12 (D) Any challenges to the certification of the Secretary  
13 of State shall be filed in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County.

14 (E) A political group which qualifies by petition to place  
15 its candidate on the ballot shall, by September 15 in the year of the  
16 election, submit a certificate of choice stating the name of its candidate  
17 for President and Vice-President, signed under oath by either the  
18 chairperson, vice-chairperson, or secretary of the political group's  
19 convention.

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