1 2 3	State of Arkansas 84th General Assembly Regular Session, 2003	A Bill	HOUSE BILL 2326
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5	By: Representative Wood		
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11	OTHERWI	ISE NONPARTISAN IN AN ELECTION FOR	
12	MUNICIF	PAL OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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18	AN E	ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE.	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:		
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(e), concerning municipal primary		
24	elections, is amended to read as follows:		
25	(e)(l) The gov	erning body of any city of the first of	class, city of the
26	second class, or incorporated town may enact an ordinance requiring		
27	independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination		
28	as independent candidates with the county clerk no later than noon on the day		
29	before the preferenti	al primary election.	
30	<u>(2) The</u>	governing body may establish this fil:	ing deadline for
31	municipal offices even if the municipal offices are all independent or		
32	otherwise nonpartisan.		
33	(2) (3) T	he ordinance shall be enacted no later	r than ninety (90)
34	days prior to the filing deadline. The ordinance shall be published at least		
35	once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of		
36	the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.		