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	As Engrossed: H3/13/03 A D :11		
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 2326	
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5	By: Representative Wood			
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9		TO ALLOW CITIES TO ESTABLISH FILING		
10	DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES THAT ARE INDEPENDENT OR			
11	OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN AN ELECTION FOR			
12	MUNICIE	PAL OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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17	INDEPENDENT OR OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN			
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23	SECTION 1. Ark	ansas Code § 14-42-206(e), concerning	municipal primary	
24	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(e), concerning municipal primary elections, is amended to read as follows:			
25		erning body of any city of the first c	lass, city of the	
26	_	rporated town may enact an ordinance r	-	
27	independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination			
28	as independent candid	as independent candidates with the county clerk no <u>no earlier than twenty</u>		
29	(20) days prior to the preferential primary election and no later than noon			
30	on the day before the preferential primary election.			
31	(2) The governing body may establish this filing deadline for			
32	municipal offices even if the municipal offices are all independent or			
33	otherwise nonpartisan.			
34	$\frac{(2)}{(3)}$ The ordinance shall be enacted no later than ninety (90)			
35	days prior to the filing deadline. The ordinance shall be published at least			
36	once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of			

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the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.