1	State of Arkansas	*As Engrossed: H3/13/03 H3/14/03*
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2003	HOUSE BILL 2326

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5 By: Representatives Wood, *Ferguson*

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO ALLOW CITIES TO ESTABLISH FILING

10   DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES THAT ARE INDEPENDENT OR

11   OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN AN ELECTION FOR

12   MUNICIPAL OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

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16   FILING DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES THAT ARE

17   INDEPENDENT OR OTHERWISE NONPARTISAN IN

18   AN 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)(1) The governing body of any city of the first 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 *earlier than twenty (20)*

29 *days prior to the preferential primary election and no* later than noon on the

30 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   (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

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

2   */s/ Wood, et al*

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