

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1006

5 By: Representatives J. Hutchinson, Sumpter, Rosenbaum, J. Johnson, Pace
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL
10 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
11 CAUCUSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL
14 PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND
15 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE CAUCUSES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-201(a), concerning the cost of
20 presidential primary elections, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) Except as provided in § 7-8-201, ~~The~~ the cost of political party
22 primaries shall be borne by the State of Arkansas and shall be paid from an
23 appropriation made to the State Board of Election Commissioners for that
24 purpose.
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-203(b), concerning the date of the
27 preferential primary election, is amended to read as follows:

28 (b) Except as provided in § 7-8-201, ~~The~~ the preferential primary
29 election shall be held on the Tuesday three (3) weeks prior to the general
30 primary election.
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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-7-203(c)(2), concerning filing for
33 preferential primary elections, is amended to read as follows:

34 (2) Except as provided in § 7-8-201, A party certificate and the
35 political practice pledge for primary elections shall be filed with the
36 county clerk or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, during regular



1 office hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday in
2 March and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter before the
3 preferential primary election.

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5 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-8-201 is amended to read as follows:

6 7-8-201. Preferential elections or presidential preference caucuses
7 required - Apportionment of delegates.

8 (a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, Each each
9 political party in the state desiring to select delegates to attend a
10 quadrennial national nominating convention of the party to select a nominee
11 for the office of President of the United States shall hold a preferential
12 primary election in the state.

13 (2) and the delegates Delegates to the national party convention shall
14 be apportioned to the presidential candidates whose names were on the ballot
15 at the preferential primary or to uncommitted in the proportion that the
16 votes cast for each candidate or for uncommitted bear to the total votes cast
17 at the election, rounded to the closest whole number.

18 (3) Preferential primary elections for the purpose of selecting
19 nominees for the office of President of the United States shall be held on
20 the first Saturday of February of the year in which the convention is held.

21 (4) A party certificate shall be filed with the Secretary of State
22 during regular office hours in the period beginning at 12:00 noon on the
23 first Monday in November and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day
24 thereafter before the presidential preferential primary election.

25 (5) Each political party shall bear the expense of its preferential
26 primary election held under this section.

27 (6)(A) The political party may enact rules governing presidential
28 preferential primary election procedures that shall supersede all other
29 election laws of this state.

30 (B) However, rules governing election procedures enacted by political
31 parties for presidential preferential primary elections shall not conflict
32 with federal law.

33 (b)(1) Each political party in the state desiring to select delegates
34 to attend a quadrennial national nominating convention of the party to select
35 a nominee for the office of president may conduct a presidential preference
36 caucus.

