

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  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1003

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5 By: Senator Broadway  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES  
10 ON INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT CONCERNING THE VERIFICATION OF  
15 SIGNATURES ON INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM  
16 PETITIONS.  
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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 § 7-9-109 is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 7-9-109. Form of verification - Penalty for false statement.

24 (a) Each petition containing the signatures shall be verified in  
25 substantially the following form, by the person who circulated the sheet of  
26 the petition by his or her affidavit thereon as a part thereof:

27 "State of Arkansas )

28 County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

29 I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, state that the foregoing  
30 persons signed this sheet of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed  
31 his or her name thereunto in my presence. I believe that each has stated his  
32 or her name, date of birth, residence or town of residence correctly, and  
33 that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Arkansas, \_\_\_\_\_  
34 County, or City or Incorporated Town of \_\_\_\_\_.  
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36 Signature \_\_\_\_\_



1 Residence \_\_\_\_\_

2 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
3 20\_\_\_\_.

4 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

5 Clerk, Notary, Judge or J.P.

6 Residence \_\_\_\_\_"

7 (b) Forms herein given are not mandatory, and if substantially  
8 followed in any petition it shall be sufficient, disregarding clerical and  
9 merely technical errors.

10 (c)(1) Petitions shall not be disqualified due to clerical or  
11 technical errors made by a clerk, notary, judge, or justice of the peace when  
12 verifying the canvasser's signature.

13 (2) Petitions shall not be disqualified for failure of a clerk,  
14 notary, judge, or justice of the peace to sign exactly as his or her name  
15 appears on his or her seal if the signature of a clerk, notary, judge, or  
16 justice of the peace is sufficient to verify his or her name.

17 ~~(e)~~(d) A canvasser who knowingly makes a false statement on a petition  
18 verification form required by this section shall be deemed guilty of a Class  
19 D felony.

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