

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 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1447

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5 By: Representatives Overbey, T. Baker, Blount, Cornwell, House, Hoyt, Kidd, Patterson, Pyle, Reep

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FILING PERIOD FOR INDEPENDENT  
10 CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO MAKE THE  
11 FILING PERIOD CONSISTENT WITH ARKANSAS CODE § 7-  
12 7-103; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE FILING PERIOD FOR  
16 INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL  
17 OFFICE TO MAKE THE FILING PERIOD  
18 CONSISTENT WITH ARKANSAS CODE § 7-7-103.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(b)(1), concerning the filing  
24 period for independent candidates for municipal office, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (b)(1) Any person desiring to become an independent candidate for  
27 municipal office in cities and towns with the mayor-council form of  
28 government shall file not more than ~~one hundred ten (110) nor less than~~  
29 ~~ninety (90) days~~ eighty (80) days nor less than sixty (60) days prior to the  
30 general election by 12:00 noon with the county clerk the petition of  
31 nomination in substantially the following forms:

32 (A) For all candidates except aldermen in cities of the first class and  
33 cities of the second class:



"PETITION OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city (town) of \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of \_\_\_\_\_ be placed on the ballot for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ at the next election of municipal officials in 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(B) For candidates for alderman elected by ward in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions shall be signed only by qualified electors of the ward in the following manner:

"PETITION OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned qualified electors of Ward \_\_\_\_\_ of the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of \_\_\_\_\_ be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward \_\_\_\_\_, position \_\_\_\_\_, of the next election of municipal officials in 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(C) For at-large candidates for alderman of a ward in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions shall be signed by any qualified elector of the city in the following manner:

"PETITION OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of \_\_\_\_\_ be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward \_\_\_\_\_, position \_\_\_\_\_, of the next election of municipal officials in 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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(2) The county clerk shall determine whether the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors.

(3) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file a political practices pledge no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the general election by 12:00 noon.