

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

SENATE BILL 238

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING FILING FOR REELECTION BY
10 INCUMBENT CANDIDATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT CONCERNING FILING FOR REELECTION
14 BY INCUMBENT CANDIDATES.
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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 § 7-6-102(a), concerning the political
20 practices pledge, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1) ~~Candidates~~ Except as provided in subdivision (a)(7) of this
22 section, candidates for state or district offices shall file with the
23 Secretary of State and candidates for county, municipal, or township offices
24 shall file with the county clerk of the county not later than 12:00 noon
25 fourteen (14) days after the third Tuesday in March, before the preferential
26 primary election, a pledge in writing stating that they are familiar with the
27 requirements of §§ 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, and 7-6-101 – 7-6-104 and will,
28 in good faith, comply with their terms.

29 (2) Persons nominated as independent candidates shall file the
30 political practices pledge at the time of filing the petition for nomination.

31 (3) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file their
32 political practices pledges with the county clerk not fewer than ninety (90)
33 calendar days before the general election by 12:00 noon.

34 (4) Persons who wish to be write-in candidates shall file the
35 political practices pledge at the time of filing the notice to be a write-in
36 candidate. A write-in candidate shall file the political practices pledge



1 with the Secretary of State if a candidate for a state or district office or
 2 with the county clerk if a candidate for a county, township, or municipal
 3 office.

4 (5) Nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees in
 5 accordance with § 7-10-103(b) shall file the political practices pledge at
 6 the time of filing for office.

7 (6) Nonpartisan judicial candidates filing by petition in
 8 accordance with § 7-10-103(c) shall file the political practices pledge at
 9 the time of filing the petition.

10 (7) An incumbent seeking reelection to his or her current office
 11 shall file the political practices pledge during regular office hours
 12 beginning at 12:00 noon on the second Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00
 13 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter before the preferential primary
 14 election.

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 16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-203(c), concerning filing deadlines, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 (c)(1) Party Except as provided in subdivision (c)(6) of this section,
 19 party pledges, if any, shall be filed with the county clerk or the Secretary
 20 of State, as the case may be, and ~~any~~ filing fees of a political party, if
 21 any, shall be paid during regular office hours in the period beginning at
 22 12:00 noon on the third Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the
 23 fourteenth day thereafter before the preferential primary election.

24 (2) A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(6) of this section,
 25 a party certificate and the political ~~practice~~ practices pledge for primary
 26 elections shall be filed with the county clerk or the Secretary of State, as
 27 the case may be, during regular office hours in the period beginning at 12:00
 28 noon on the third Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth
 29 day thereafter before the preferential primary election.

30 (3) The name of a candidate who fails to file a party
 31 certificate by the filing deadline with the Secretary of State or county
 32 clerk, as the case may be, shall not appear on the ballot.

33 (4) Party pledges, if any, shall be filed, filing fees, if any,
 34 shall be paid, and party certificates and political ~~practice~~ practices
 35 pledges shall be filed for special primary elections on or before the
 36 deadline established by proclamation of the Governor.

1 (5) Pledges and filing fees of the political party for a new
 2 political party shall be filed and paid as provided in subsection (f) of this
 3 section.

4 (6) An incumbent seeking reelection to his or her current office
 5 shall file a party certificate, the political practices pledge, and any
 6 filing fees or party pledges during regular office hours beginning at 12:00
 7 noon on the second Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the
 8 fourteenth day thereafter before the preferential primary election.

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 10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B), concerning filing as a
 11 candidate, is amended to read as follows:

12 (B)(i) The period for paying filing fees and filing
 13 political ~~practice~~ practices pledges shall begin at 12:00 noon on the third
 14 Tuesday in March and end at 12:00 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter.

15 (ii) However, an incumbent seeking reelection to his
 16 or her current office shall file a party certificate, the political practices
 17 pledge, and any filing fees or party pledges during regular office hours
 18 beginning at 12:00 noon on the second Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00
 19 noon on the fourteenth day thereafter before the preferential primary
 20 election.

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 22 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A), concerning nonpartisan
 23 judicial offices, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c)(1)(A)(i)(a) Any person desiring to have his or her name placed on
 25 the ballot for a nonpartisan judicial office without paying a filing fee may
 26 do so by filing a petition in the manner provided for under this section.

27 ~~Petitions~~

28 (b) Except as provided in subdivision
 29 (c)(1)(A)(iii) of this section, petitions for Supreme Court, Court of
 30 Appeals, and circuit court positions shall be filed with the Secretary of
 31 State, and petitions for district court positions shall be filed with the
 32 applicable county clerk beginning at 12:00 noon forty-six (46) days before
 33 the third Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon thirty-two (32) days
 34 before the third Tuesday in March.

35 (ii) Political ~~practice~~ practices pledges for
 36 nonpartisan judicial candidates filing by petition shall be filed at the same

1 time as the petition.

2 (iii) An incumbent seeking reelection to his or her
3 current nonpartisan judicial office shall file the petition and the political
4 practices pledge during regular office hours beginning at 12:00 noon forty-
5 six (46) days before the second Tuesday in March and ending at 12:00 noon
6 thirty-two (32) days before the second Tuesday in March.

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