

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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As Engrossed: H2/9/09
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1247

5 By: Representative Carroll
6 By: Senator Salmon
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE THRESHOLD FOR A POLITICAL*
11 *PARTY TO MAINTAIN ITS CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY*
12 *STATUS TO INCLUDE RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF VOTES*
13 *FOR ANY POSITION SUBJECT TO A STATEWIDE ELECTION;*
14 *AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

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16 **Subtitle**

17 *AN ACT TO EXTEND THE THRESHOLD FOR A*
18 *POLITICAL PARTY TO MAINTAIN ITS*
19 *CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY STATUS TO*
20 *INCLUDE RECEIVING A PERCENTAGE OF VOTES*
21 *FOR ANY POSITION SUBJECT TO A STATEWIDE*
22 *ELECTION.*

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(17), concerning the definition of*
27 *political party, is amended to read as follows:*

28 *(17)(A) "Political party" means any group of voters that at*
29 *either of the last two (2) preceding general election elections polled for*
30 *its candidate for Governor in the state or nominees for presidential electors*
31 *any position subject to a statewide election at least three percent (3%) of*
32 *the entire vote cast for the office.*

33 *(B) ~~No~~ A group of electors shall not assume a name or*
34 *designation that is so similar in the opinion of the Secretary of State to*
35 *that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an*
36 *election.*



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(C) When any political party fails to obtain three percent (3%) of the total votes cast at an election for ~~the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors~~ any position subject to a statewide election, it shall cease to be a political party;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-205(e)(4), concerning the threshold for a new party to maintain its party status, is amended to read as follows:

(4) If the new party maintains party status by obtaining three percent (3%) of the total vote cast for ~~the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors~~ any position subject to a statewide election at the first election in either of the first two (2) general elections after certification, the new political party shall nominate candidates in the party primary as set forth in § 7-7-101 et seq.

/s/ Carroll