

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 1247

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

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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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Subtitle

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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 nominees for presidential electors, United States Senator, Governor,
32 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of State,
33 Treasurer of State, or State Land Commissioner at least three percent (3%) of
34 the entire vote cast for the office.

35 (B) ~~No~~ A group of electors shall not assume a name or
36 designation that is so similar in the opinion of the Secretary of State to



1 that of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an
2 election.

3 (C) ~~When any~~ A political party shall cease to be a
4 political party if the political party fails to obtain three percent (3%) of
5 the total votes cast in two (2) consecutive general elections at an election
6 ~~for the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors, it shall~~
7 ~~cease to be a political party~~ at least one (1) of the following positions:

- 8 (i) Nominees for presidential electors;
- 9 (ii) United States Senator;
- 10 (iii) Governor;
- 11 (iv) Lieutenant Governor;
- 12 (v) Secretary of State;
- 13 (vi) Attorney General;
- 14 (vii) Auditor of State;
- 15 (viii) Treasurer of State; or
- 16 (ix) State Land Commissioner;

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

19 (4) If the new party maintains party status by obtaining three
20 percent (3%) of the total vote cast for ~~the office of Governor or nominees~~
21 ~~for presidential electors~~ nominees for presidential electors, United States
22 Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General,
23 Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, or State Land Commissioner ~~at the~~
24 ~~first election~~ in either of the first two (2) general elections after
25 certification, the new political party shall nominate candidates in the party
26 primary as set forth in § 7-7-101 et seq.

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28 /s/ Carroll
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