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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1401

By: Representative Harrelson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAMPAIGN PRACTICE OF
JUDGES; TO REPEAL § 7-6-103; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAMPAIGN PRACTICE
OF JUDGES; AND TO REPEAL § 7-6-103.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-102(a)(1), concerning filing of a political practices pledge by candidates for political party nominations for state or district offices, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Candidates for political party nominations for state or district offices shall file with the Secretary of State and candidates for county, municipal, or township offices shall file with the county clerk of the county during the filing period set out in § 7-7-203 for the preferential primary election a pledge in writing stating that they are familiar with the requirements of §§ 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, 7-6-101, ~~7-6-103~~, 7-6-104, and this section and will comply in good faith with their terms.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-6-103 is repealed.

~~7-6-103. Campaign participation by judges—Penalty.~~

~~(a) It shall be unlawful for any judge of the district or circuit courts and any Justice of the Supreme Court or Judge of the Court of Appeals to participate in the campaign of any candidate for office at any election, other than his or her own.~~



1 ~~(b) The word "participation", as used in this section, shall mean the~~
2 ~~managing of another's campaign or any solicitation on his or her behalf.~~

3 ~~(c) Participation shall be deemed to be misfeasance and malfeasance in~~
4 ~~office and shall subject the judge to impeachment therefor.~~