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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1756

5 By: Representative Slinkard
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS
9 TO FILL VACANCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN
13 ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES.
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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 § 7-11-107(a), concerning election procedures
20 for unopposed candidates in a special election to fill a vacancy, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (a)(1) If there is only one (1) candidate after all deadlines for
23 filing as a candidate have passed in a special election ~~or special primary~~
24 ~~election~~ to fill a vacancy and if no other office or issue is on the ballot,
25 the county board of election commissioners may provide that:

26 ~~(1)(A)~~ Polling places shall not be open on election day and the
27 election shall be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only; or

28 ~~(2)(B)~~ Only one (1) polling place shall be open and that polling
29 place may be at the courthouse and may be staffed by the county clerk or as
30 many poll workers as the county board deems necessary.

31 (2) If there is only one (1) candidate after all deadlines for
32 filing as a candidate have passed in a special primary election to fill a
33 vacancy, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the
34 candidate as the nominee of the political party without holding a special
35 primary election for the political party.
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