

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 956

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5 By: Senator B. King

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SERVICE ON A  
9 COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SERVICE  
15 ON A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION  
16 COMMISSIONERS.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-4-109(d), concerning service on the  
22 county board of election commissioners, is amended to read as follows:

23 (d)(1) No person may serve as an election official if married to or  
24 related within the second degree of consanguinity to any candidate running  
25 for office in the current election ~~if objection to his or her service is made~~  
26 ~~to the county board within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of~~  
27 ~~officials.~~

28 (2)(A) A member of a county board of election commissioners  
29 shall recuse himself or herself from service on the board for the current  
30 election if the following is running for office on that county's ballot:

31 (i) The spouse of the member of the county board;

32 (ii) A person related within the second degree of  
33 consanguinity affinity to the member of the county board; or

34 (iii) The spouse of a person related within the  
35 second degree of consanguinity to the member of the county board; or

36 (B) If a member of the county board is required to recuse



1 himself or herself under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section, the chair of  
2 the county's committee for the political party of the recusing member of the  
3 county board shall appoint an interim member of the county board who shall  
4 serve until the earlier of the following:

5 (i) The deadline for the final certification of the  
6 election results by the county board to the county clerk; or

7 (ii) The individual prompting recusal under  
8 subdivisions (d)(2)(A)(i) – (v) no longer appears on the ballot or, for a  
9 write-in candidate, is no longer seeking election.

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