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A Bill

SENATE BILL 956

5 By: Senator B. King
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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.
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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) Except as provided under subdivision (d)(3) of this
29 section, a member of a county board of election commissioners shall recuse
30 himself or herself from service on the board for the current election if the
31 following is running for office on that county's ballot:

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

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

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



1 (iv) The business partner of a member of the county
2 board; or

3 (B) If a member of the county board is required to recuse
4 himself or herself under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section, the chair of
5 the county's committee for the political party of the recusing member of the
6 county board shall appoint an interim member of the county board who shall
7 serve until the earlier of the following:

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

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

13 (3) A member of a county board of election commissioners may
14 continue his or her service as a member if the person under subdivision
15 (d)(2)(A) of this section is a candidate for election in an uncontested race.

16 (4) As used in this section, "business partner" means a person
17 with whom the member of the county board of election commissioners has a
18 fiduciary relationship in which one person is under a duty to act for the
19 benefit of the other on matters within the scope of the relationship.

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21 /s/B. King
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