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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1150

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MAJORITY AND
9 MINORITY PARTIES; TO AMEND THE METHOD FOR THE
10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
11 COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 MINORITY PARTIES; AND TO AMEND THE METHOD
16 FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Members of county boards of election commissioners have an
26 essential role in the fair and proper administration of elections in this
27 state; and

28 (2) The current method of the election of members of county
29 boards of election commissioners does not adequately address a situation in
30 which one (1) political party does not hold a majority of the constitutional
31 offices in this state.

32 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the:

33 (1) Political parties of the members of county boards of
34 election commissioners reflect the political parties of the voting citizens
35 of this state as their associations change over time; and

36 (2) Majority and minority parties reflect the two (2) political



1 parties whose candidates received the most votes in a count of the popular
 2 vote for the constitutional offices of this state if no political party holds
 3 a majority of the constitutional offices in this state.

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 5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(17), concerning the definition of
 6 "majority party", is amended to read as follows:

7 (17)(A) "Majority party" means that political party in the State
 8 of Arkansas whose candidates were elected to a majority of the constitutional
 9 offices of this state in the last preceding general election.

10 (B) If no political party's elected candidates under
 11 subdivision (17)(A) of this section constitute a majority of the
 12 constitutional offices, "majority party" means the political party that
 13 received the greatest total number of votes for all of its candidates for the
 14 constitutional offices of this state in the last preceding general election;

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 16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(20), concerning the definition of
 17 "minority party", is amended to read as follows:

18 (20)(A) "Minority party" means that political party whose
 19 candidates were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices
 20 of this state in the last preceding general election ~~or the political party~~
 21 ~~that polled the second greatest number of votes for the office of Governor in~~
 22 ~~the last preceding general election if all of the elected constitutional~~
 23 ~~officers of this state are from a single political party.~~

24 (B)(i) If candidates of more than one (1) political party
 25 were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices, "minority
 26 party" means the political party whose candidates were elected to the higher
 27 number of constitutional offices when compared with the remaining political
 28 parties whose candidates were elected to less than a majority of the
 29 constitutional offices.

30 (ii) If candidates of more than one (1) political party
 31 were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices and the
 32 candidates were elected to an equal number of constitutional offices,
 33 "minority party" means the political party that received the second greatest
 34 total number of votes for all of its candidates for the constitutional
 35 offices of this state in the last preceding general election;

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