

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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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.

## Subtitle

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16 MINORITY PARTIES; AND TO AMEND THE METHOD  
17 FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY  
18 BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

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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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