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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Dotson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A VOTER TO DECLARE HIS OR HER
9 POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE THE VOTER MAY CAST
10 A VOTE IN A PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION OR A
11 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 7, Subchapter 3, is amended*
25 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

26 *7-7-314. Closed primaries.*

27 *(a)(1) In any primary election, a voter is entitled to vote the*
28 *official primary ballot of the political party designated in the registration*
29 *of the voter, and no other.*

30 *(2) A voter under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall*
31 *register with a political party no later than thirty (30) days before the*
32 *primary election in which he or she votes.*

33 *(b) It is unlawful for a voter to vote in a political party primary in*
34 *which party the voter is not registered.*
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36 /s/Dotson

