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A Bill

SENATE BILL 562

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MANDATORY
9 ELECTRONIC REPORT FILING BY CANDIDATES; TO AMEND THE
10 LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MANDATORY
15 ELECTRONIC REPORT FILING BY CANDIDATES;
16 AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAMPAIGN
17 FINANCE REPORTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-230(a), concerning the alternative to
24 electronic filing of reports, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a)(1) A candidate required to file carryover fund reports in
26 electronic form under § 7-6-203 and campaign contribution and expenditure
27 reports in electronic form under § 7-6-207 may file reports in paper form
28 under this section if:

29 ~~(A) The candidate does not have access to the technology~~
30 ~~necessary to submit reports in electronic form; and~~

31 ~~(B) Submitting~~ submitting reports in electronic form would
32 constitute a substantial hardship for the candidate.

33 (2)(A) A candidate filing reports in paper form under
34 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall submit with his or her first paper
35 report in an election cycle a notarized affidavit on a form prepared by the
36 Secretary of State declaring that:



1 (i) ~~The candidate does not have access to the~~
2 ~~technology necessary to submit reports in electronic form;~~

3 ~~(ii)~~ Submitting reports in electronic form would
4 constitute a substantial hardship for the candidate; ~~and~~

5 ~~(iii)~~(ii) The candidate agrees to file all other
6 reports in paper form for the duration of the election cycle; and

7 (iii) The candidate agrees to allow the office of
8 the Secretary of State to enter the reports of the candidate submitted in
9 paper form into electronic form.

10 (B) The Secretary of State shall:

11 (i) Not accept a report in paper form under
12 subdivision (a)(1) of this section if a notarized affidavit was not submitted
13 with the first paper report in the election cycle;

14 (ii) Provide written notice to the candidate within
15 five (5) business days if the report in paper form was not filed or accepted;
16 ~~and~~

17 (iii) Provide the reason the report in paper form
18 was not filed or accepted; and

19 (iv) Enter the information provided by the candidate
20 in paper form into the electronic form on behalf of the candidate.

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