

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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HOUSE BILL 1756

By: Representatives Slinkard, C. Armstrong, Barnett, Bragg, Carnine, Cozart, D. Douglas, Eubanks,
Hickerson, Hopper, Kerr, McGill, Rice

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS
TO FILL VACANCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN
ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-11-107(a), concerning election procedures for unopposed candidates in a special election to fill a vacancy, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) If there is only one (1) candidate after all deadlines for filing as a candidate have passed in a special election ~~or special primary election~~ to fill a vacancy and if no other office or issue is on the ballot, the county board of election commissioners may provide that:

~~(1)~~(A) Polling places shall not be open on election day and the election shall be conducted by absentee ballot and early voting only; or

~~(2)~~(B) Only one (1) polling place shall be open and that polling place may be at the courthouse and may be staffed by the county clerk or as many poll workers as the county board deems necessary.

(2) If there is only one (1) candidate after all deadlines for filing as a candidate have passed in a special primary election to fill a vacancy, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the candidate as the nominee of the political party without holding a special primary election for the political party.



/s/Slinkard

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