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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1532

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING THE NOMINATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTIES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING THE
NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW POLITICAL
PARTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-205(c), concerning nomination requirements for new political parties, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Upon certification of sufficiency of the petition by the Secretary of State, a new political party shall be declared by the Secretary of State.

(2)(A) A new political party formed by the petition process shall nominate candidates by convention for the first general election after certification.

(B)(i) A convention under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall be held no later than 12:00 noon on the date of the preferential primary election.

(ii) Certificates of nomination shall be filed with the Secretary of State or the county clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the date of the preferential primary election.

(C) A convention under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this



section may be held in any manner authorized by the rules of the new political party.

(3) A candidate to be nominated by convention shall file a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, during the party filing period.

(4) If the new party maintains party status by obtaining three percent (3%) of the total votes cast for the office of Governor or nominees for presidential electors at the first general election after certification, the new political party shall nominate candidates in the party primary as set forth in § 7-7-101 et seq.

(5) Any challenges to the certification of the sufficiency of the petition by the Secretary of State shall be filed with the Pulaski County Circuit Court.

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