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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1338

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE PETITION PROCESS TO BE ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND ELECTION LAW; TO AMEND THE PETITION PROCESS TO BE ON THE BALLOT AS A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-8-302(5)(B), concerning the candidates for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States, the method of election and certification of electors, petitions for placement on the ballot, contesting conventions, and vacancy, is amended to read as follows:



(B) A political group desiring to have the names of its candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot shall file a petition with the Secretary of State by noon on the first Monday of August of the year of the election. The petition shall contain at the time of filing the names of ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) qualified electors of the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of their candidate for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State shall verify the sufficiency of the petition within ten (10) days from the filing of the petition. If the petition is determined to be insufficient, the Secretary of State shall notify in writing the political group through its designated agent and shall set forth his or her reasons for so finding.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-8-302(6)(A), concerning the candidates for President of the United States and Vice President of the United States, the method of election and certification of electors, petitions for placement on the ballot, contesting conventions, and vacancy, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) Persons desiring to have their names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President shall file a petition with the Secretary of State by noon on the first Monday of August of the year of the election. The petition shall contain at the time of filing the names of ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) qualified electors of the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of the persons desiring their names to be printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State shall verify the sufficiency of the petition within ten (10) days from the filing of the petition. If the petition is determined to be insufficient, the Secretary of State shall notify in writing the persons desiring to have their names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President at the address or telephone number submitted with the petition and shall set forth his or her reasons for so finding.

**APPROVED: 3/8/21**