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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1223

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FORM OF
BALLOTS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF A
PREFIX IN AN ELECTION FOR A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL
OFFICE BY AN APPOINTEE TO A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL
OFFICE; TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF
APPEALS WHO IS SERVING IN THAT POSITION AS AN
APPOINTEE TO USE THE TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A
PREFIX ON THE BALLOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGE OF
THE COURT OF APPEALS WHO IS SERVING IN
THAT POSITION AS AN APPOINTEE TO USE THE
TITLE OF THAT POSITION AS A PREFIX ON
THE BALLOT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-305(c)(1)(B), concerning the form of ballots and the use of a prefix to the name of a person who files for an elective office, is amended to read as follows:

(B) A person may use as the prefix the title of a nonpartisan judicial office in an election for a nonpartisan judicial office only if:

(i) The person is currently serving in a nonpartisan



judicial office to which the person has been elected in the last election for the office; or

(ii) The person:

(a) Is a candidate for the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, or district judge;

(b) Is currently serving in the office of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, circuit judge, or district judge as an appointee; and

(c) Has been serving in that position for at least twelve (12) months.

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