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A Bill

SENATE BILL 516

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING AS A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF A PREFIX IN FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE BY AN APPOINTEE TO A NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICE; TO ALLOW A PERSON FILING AS 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 WHEN FILING AS A CANDIDATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-10-103(f)(1)(B)(ii), concerning the requirement for filing as a candidate, is amended to read as follows:

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



(a) The candidate is currently serving in a judicial position to which the candidate has been elected in the last election for the office; or

(b) The candidate:

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

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

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

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