

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1015

By: Representative King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 7-6-102, TO
CLARIFY THE FILING REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES FOR
THOSE INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO FILE FOR PUBLIC
OFFICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-6-102(e), regarding political practices
pledge and filing requirements for individuals running for public office, is
amended to read as follows:

~~(e) [As amended by Acts 1989, No. 755, § 1.] The Secretary of State or
the county clerks of each county, depending on the office, shall notify
candidates who have failed to file timely political practices pledges. Only
candidates who refuse to file signed pledges within five (5) days of
notification of failure to file may be kept off the ballot or made ineligible
to be write-in candidates.]~~

(e) ~~[As amended by Acts 1989, No. 912, § 3.]~~ (1) The failure of any
candidate to sign and file the pledge shall be justifiable grounds to keep
the candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.

~~(2)(A) However, within five (5) days following the first Tuesday
in April before the preferential primary election or within five (5) days
from which the pledge is required to be filed, the Secretary of State or the~~



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1 ~~county clerk shall notify, by certified mail which requires a return receipt~~
2 ~~signed by the candidate, those candidates who have failed to file a signed~~
3 ~~political practice pledge. Such notice shall include a copy of the written~~
4 ~~pledge required by this section.~~

5 ~~(B) Failure of the state or district candidate to file~~
6 ~~with the Secretary of State or of the county, municipal, or township~~
7 ~~candidate to file with the county clerk within twenty (20) days of receipt or~~
8 ~~refusal of this notice shall prevent the candidate's name from appearing on~~
9 ~~the ballot.~~

10 (2)(A) However, clerical or scrivener's errors associated with
11 the filing of a political practice pledge shall not constitute justifiable
12 grounds to keep the candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.

13 (B) Clerical or scrivener's errors shall be determined by
14 the county board of election commissioners or the State Board of Election
15 Commissioners.