

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1913

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RUNOFF ELECTIONS
FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING RUNOFF
ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-5-106(a), concerning runoff elections for county and municipal officers, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) If there are more than two (2) candidates for election to any county elected office, including the office of justice of the peace, at any general election held in this state and no candidate for the county elected office receives a majority of the votes cast for the county elected office, there shall be a runoff general election held in that county three (3) weeks following the date of the general election at which the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes, but not a majority, shall be placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the qualified electors of the county.

(2)(A) The following procedure ~~will~~ shall govern if there are more than two (2) candidates for election to ~~any~~ a municipal office at ~~any~~ a general or special election held in this state in which no candidate for the municipal office receives either:



(i) A majority of the votes cast; or
(ii) A plurality of forty percent (40%) of the votes cast.

(B)(i) A candidate who receives a plurality of forty percent (40%) of the votes cast must obtain at least twenty percent (20%) more of the votes cast than the second-place candidate for the municipal office to avoid a runoff general election against the second-place candidate.

(ii) If required, the runoff general election between the two (2) candidates shall be held in that municipality three (3) weeks following the date of the general election with the names of the two (2) candidates placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the qualified electors of the municipality.