

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1150

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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MAJORITY AND  
MINORITY PARTIES; TO AMEND THE METHOD FOR THE  
ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION  
COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MAJORITY AND  
MINORITY PARTIES; AND TO AMEND THE METHOD  
FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY  
BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Members of county boards of election commissioners have an essential role in the fair and proper administration of elections in this state; and

(2) The current method of the election of members of county boards of election commissioners does not adequately address a situation in which one (1) political party does not hold a majority of the constitutional offices in this state.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the:

(1) Political parties of the members of county boards of election commissioners reflect the political parties of the voting citizens of this state as their associations change over time; and

(2) Majority and minority parties reflect the two (2) political



parties whose candidates received the most votes in a count of the popular vote for the constitutional offices of this state if no political party holds a majority of the constitutional offices in this state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(17), concerning the definition of "majority party", is amended to read as follows:

(17)(A) "Majority party" means that political party in the State of Arkansas whose candidates were elected to a majority of the constitutional offices of this state in the last preceding general election~~+~~.

(B) If no political party's elected candidates under subdivision (17)(A) of this section constitute a majority of the constitutional offices, "majority party" means the political party that received the greatest total number of votes for all of its candidates for the constitutional offices of this state in the last preceding general election;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-1-101(20), concerning the definition of "minority party", is amended to read as follows:

(20)(A) "Minority party" means that political party whose candidates were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices of this state in the last preceding general election ~~or the political party that polled the second greatest number of votes for the office of Governor in the last preceding general election if all of the elected constitutional officers of this state are from a single political party~~+~~.~~

(B)(i) If candidates of more than one (1) political party were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices, "minority party" means the political party whose candidates were elected to the higher number of constitutional offices when compared with the remaining political parties whose candidates were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices.

(ii) "Minority party" means the political party that received the second greatest total number of votes for all of its candidates for the constitutional offices of this state in the last preceding general election if:

(a) All of the constitutional officers of this state are from a single political party; or

(b) Candidates of more than one (1) political

party were elected to less than a majority of the constitutional offices and the candidates were elected to an equal number of constitutional offices;

*/s/J. Mayberry*