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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

By: Representative Bell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A PETITION TO FILE AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE; TO REQUIRE A FORM FOR ALL PETITIONS; TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION THAT THE PETITION WAS NOT CIRCULATED LONGER THAN THE PRESCRIBED TIME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A PETITION TO FILE AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE; TO REQUIRE A FORM FOR ALL PETITIONS; AND TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION THAT THE PETITION WAS NOT CIRCULATED LONGER THAN THE PRESCRIBED TIME.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-103(b)(3), concerning a petition to file as an independent candidate for office, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) A petition shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State that includes without limitation a designated space for:

(i) The signature of the qualified elector;

(ii) The printed name of the qualified elector;

(iii) The date of the signature of the qualified elector; and

(iv) The address of the qualified elector.

(B) Petitions A petition shall be circulated not earlier than ninety (90) calendar days before the deadline for filing petitions to



qualify as an independent candidate unless the number of days is reduced by a proclamation, ordinance, resolution, order, or other authorized document for a special election under § 7-11-101 et seq.

(C)(i) The person filing for office as an independent candidate shall submit with the petition an affidavit that swears:

(a) The signatures were not collected for a period over ninety (90) days;

(b) The beginning and ending dates for collection of signatures on the petition are those as indicated on the affidavit; and

(c) The signatures were collected and the petition was executed and submitted in compliance with the law.

(ii) The affidavit under subdivision (b)(3)(C)(i) of this section shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-7-103, concerning a petition to file as an independent candidate for office, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) Signatures that are incorrectly obtained or submitted under this section shall not be counted.