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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN THE PETITION OR NOTICE OF WRITE-IN
CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN THE PETITION OR NOTICE OF
WRITE-IN CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A
POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e), concerning a petition for a position on the board of directors of a public school district, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) The petition, affidavit of eligibility, and the candidate's political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the annual school election.

(2)(A) The county clerk shall not accept a candidate's petition until the county clerk has verified that:

(i) The address where the candidate is registered to vote is within the election zone, if applicable, represented by the position



on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the petition;
and

(ii) The position on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the petition is scheduled to be filled during the current election.

(B) The county clerk shall reject a petition that does not comply with subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

(C) The county clerk shall inform the candidate:

(i) That the candidate's petition was accepted or rejected; and

(ii) If the candidate's petition was rejected, the reason for the rejection.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(g), concerning a notice of intent to be a write-in candidate for a position on the board of directors of a public school district, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) Votes for a write-in candidate for school district director shall not be counted or tabulated unless the candidate files with the county clerk during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon seventy (70) days before the annual school election:

~~(1)(A)~~ A written notice of his or her intention to be a write-in candidate identifying the position sought, including without limitation the position number or other identifying information if applicable;

~~(2)(B)~~ An affidavit of eligibility; and

~~(3)(C)~~ The political practices pledge.

(2)(A) Upon receipt of the candidate's notice of intention to be a write-in candidate, the county clerk shall immediately verify that:

(i) The address where the candidate is registered to vote is within the election zone, if applicable, represented by the position on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate; and

(ii) The position on the board of directors that the candidate has indicated on the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate is scheduled to be filled during the current election.

(B) The county clerk shall reject a notice of intention to

be a write-in candidate that does not comply with subdivision (g)(2)(A) of this section.

(C) The county clerk shall inform the candidate:

(i) That the candidate's notice of intention to be a write-in candidate was accepted or rejected; and

(ii) If the candidate's notice of intention to be a write-in candidate was rejected, the reason for the rejection.