

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

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A Bill

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By: Representative Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A VOTER TO DECLARE HIS OR HER
POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE THE VOTER MAY CAST
A VOTE IN A PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION OR A
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE THE
VOTER MAY CAST A VOTE IN A PREFERENTIAL
PRIMARY ELECTION OR A GENERAL PRIMARY
ELECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 7, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-7-314. Closed primaries.

(a)(1) In any primary election, a voter is entitled to vote the official primary ballot of the political party designated in the registration of the voter, and no other.

(2) A voter under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall register with a political party no later than thirty (30) days before the primary election in which he or she votes.

(b) It is unlawful for a voter to vote in a political party primary in which party the voter is not registered.

/s/Dotson

