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A Bill

SENATE BILL 606

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARD FILING FEES FOR
CANDIDATES IN THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH STANDARD FILING FEES FOR
CANDIDATES IN THE ARKANSAS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-3-101 is amended to read as follows:

7-3-101. Duties and powers.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this act and other applicable laws of this state, organized political parties shall:

(1) Have the right to prescribe the qualifications of their own membership;

(2) Prescribe the qualifications for voting in their party primaries; and

(3) Establish rules and procedures for their own organization.

(b) Organized political parties shall not assess a filing fee for a state legislative candidate in excess of an amount set by law.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

7-3-109. Filing fees for state legislative candidates.

(a) All political parties who seek to collect a filling fee or ballot



fee from an individual filing to be a political party's nominee or candidate for a seat in the General Assembly under any provision, including without limitation § 7-7-203, shall assess and collect no more than the following amounts:

(1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for candidates for a seat in the House of Representatives; and

(2) Three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375) for a seat in the Senate.

(b) Individuals filing to run as an independent candidate for either the House of Representatives or the Senate shall not be assessed a filing fee.