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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1252

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF  
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELECTION  
OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(a), concerning nominating petitions for municipal elections, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The city or town council of ~~any~~ a city or town with the mayor-council form of government, ~~may~~ shall request the county party committees of recognized political parties under the laws of the state to conduct party primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year by resolution passed:

(A) Before January 1 of the year of the election, if the election will occur in a year in which the preferential primary election is held in May under § 7-7-203; and

(B) No less than sixty (60) days before the party filing period begins under § 7-7-203, if the election will occur in a year in which the preferential primary election is held in March under § 7-7-203.

~~(2) The resolution shall remain in effect for the subsequent elections unless revoked by the city or town council.~~

~~(3)~~ When the resolution has been adopted, the clerk or recorder shall mail a certified copy of the resolution to the chairs of the county



party committees and to the chairs of the state party committees.

~~(4)~~(3) Candidates nominated for municipal office by political primaries under this section shall be certified by the county party committees to the county board of election commissioners and shall be placed on the ballot at the general election.