

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 423

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING FEES OF A CANDIDATE
SEEKING NOMINATION BY A POLITICAL PARTY; TO ESTABLISH
A RANGE FOR POLITICAL PARTY FILING FEES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE FILING FEES OF A CANDIDATE
SEEKING NOMINATION BY A POLITICAL PARTY;
AND TO ESTABLISH A RANGE FOR POLITICAL
PARTY FILING FEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-7-301(a), concerning political party filing fees for candidates seeking nomination by that party, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A political party may impose a filing fee for candidates seeking nomination by that party. The filing fee for county, municipal, and township offices shall be fixed by the county committee, as authorized by the state executive committee. For all other races, the filing fee shall be established by the state executive committee. On or before noon of the last day of the political party filing period, all candidates at primary elections of political parties shall file an affidavit of eligibility and any pledge required by such party and shall pay the party filing fees required by the party, as follows:

(1) (A) Candidates for United States Senator, for United States Representative, and for all state offices shall file the pledge and the



affidavit of eligibility and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent.

(B) The filing fee set by the political party's state executive committee shall be an amount no more than five percent (5%) of the salary of the office for which the candidate is seeking nomination.

(C) The political party's state executive committee may set the amount of the filing fee at zero (\$0.00);

(2)(A) Candidates for district offices, including, but not limited to, the offices of State Representative and State Senator, shall file the pledge and affidavit of eligibility with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the state committee of the political party or his or her designated agent.

(B) The filing fee set by the political party's state executive committee shall be an amount no more than three percent (3%) of the salary of the office for which the candidate is seeking nomination.

(C) The political party's state executive committee may set the amount of the filing fee at zero (\$0.00); and

(3) All candidates for county, municipal, and township offices, candidates for county committee member, and delegates to the county convention shall file the pledge and the affidavit of eligibility and pay the party filing fees with the secretary of the county committee of the political party.